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Condor hearing set for Nov. 14

By MICHAEL DANIELS

A public hearing will be held Saturday, Nov. 14, in Farmington on the Air National Guard's proposal to lower the operating floor in the Condor Military Operating Area (MOA).

The 4,000-square-mile MOA overlies much of western Maine, including the Bethel area. Its southern boundary runs east-west just north of West Paris village.

Currently, military aircraft

'At this point the governor's taking a very skeptical view of the National Guard Bureau's position.'

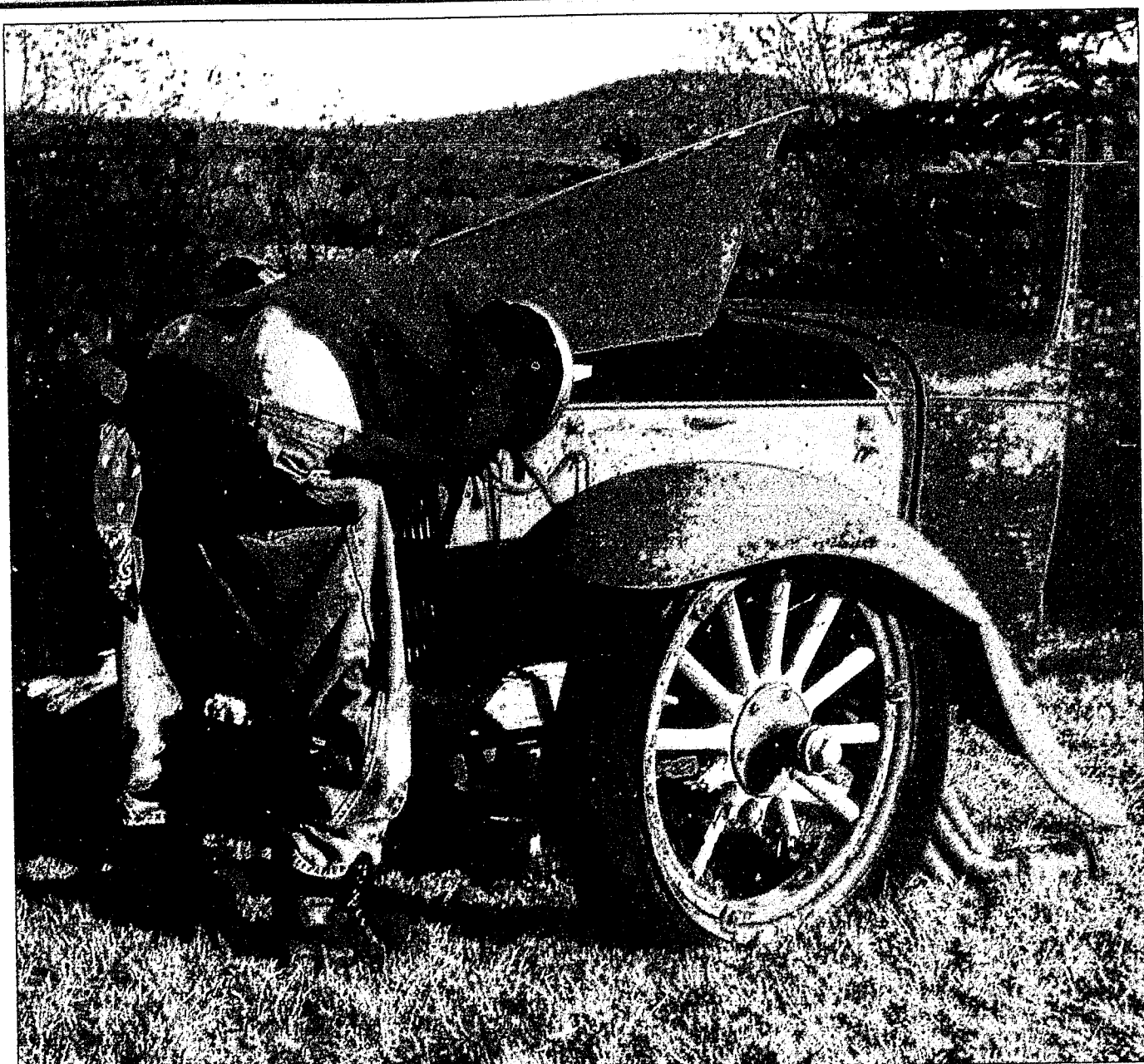
DAVE FARMER
Spokesman, on the Guard's failure to answer questions raised by the governor and area residents

training in Condor must remain above 7,000 feet above mean sea level. The ANG's proposal calls for them to be able to operate as low as 500 feet above ground level.

The public hearing on the ANG's proposal was originally scheduled for Sept. 2, but was delayed at the request of Governor John Baldacci.

Baldacci's request was in response to concerns raised regarding both the accuracy and thoroughness of informa-

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HARVEST MOON

Early October's full moon (and a greeting card from friends) inspired Joe Bailey to create a fellow who quickly became a star in the Vernon St. firmament, with locals and tourist stopping to take photos.

(Photo: A. Aloisio)

Spirits of departed inn guests refuse to check out

By ALISON ALOISIO

Over its 96-year-history, the Bethel Inn has seen many guests come and go.

But some who departed the inn, and this earth, may have returned.

Housekeeping manager Laura Taylor believes they have, and that she's seen them.

"My first experience was over in The Oaks," she said. "Our crew was over there, and out of the corner of my eye I saw someone. I thought it was one of the girls, and I looked toward the door."

"I saw a woman with a

'I think she just wants to know who's here.'

LAURA TAYLOR
Housekeeping manager

white shirt with ruffles under the chin, and on the sleeves, and a long black dress. She turned and looked me right in the face, and then she walked away. We all saw it. We just kind of stood there and looked at each other, wondering what had happened. It was one of the scariest experiences of my life."

On another occasion, Taylor and her crew were cleaning rooms in The Oaks, and they heard a shower come on.

"We ran to the bathroom door, and saw the handle shut off, and the water stopped," she said.

And one morning during the inn's off-season, Taylor arrived at work to be greeted with relief by the front desk clerk.

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SAD44 and Health Center seeing flu symptoms; Gould up to 32 confirmed/suspected H1N1 cases

By ALISON ALOISIO

As SAD44 continues to gear up for dealing with the H1N1 virus, said school nurse Chris Cole, "so far I am seeing a very few students presenting with flu-like illness."

Whether or not the illness is H1N1 is still uncertain. "I have not had anyone notify me that they had a nasal swab which was positive for H1N1," she said.

Several students at Gould Academy last week tested positive for H1N1, and immunizations were administered there last week (see update

below).

As for immunizations in SAD44, Cole said she does not have information yet on when the school district could receive the H1N1 vaccine.

"It is coming very slowly into the state. We are set to get it out quickly to students when it does arrive," she said.

In preparation Cole has been gathering permission slips from parents for their children to receive immunizations.

"About 45 percent have signed up at the Telstar complex, and a little over 50 per-

cent at Crescent Park," she said.

At the Andover Elementary School, 69 percent are signed up. Woodstock numbers were not available at press time.

The H1N1 signups so far are similar to the response for seasonal-flu shots, which were also offered.

Approximately 50 percent of the student population signed up to receive the seasonal flu vaccine," said Cole. "Grades 9-12 have not received it yet as I am waiting for more vaccine."

Cole also said she has been

working very closely with the Bethel Family Health Center.

At BFHC, several people a day are coming in with flu-like symptoms, according to Diana Milot, practice manager.

But not all cases turn out to be flu.

The center is testing for Influenza A and B, she said. H1N1 is a strain of A, and swabs testing positive are sent on to the state for H1N1 testing.

It was such testing that led

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Telstar addition plus cuts in state aid could up local bill \$635K+ next year

By ALISON ALOISIO

The financial impact of a \$5-million addition to the Telstar complex, coupled with an expected reduction in state aid, could mean additional costs next year of at least \$635,000, SAD44 Supt. Dave Murphy said at a hearing Monday.

A referendum vote on the proposed project is scheduled for Nov. 3, Election Day.

The addition would include a second gymnasium and a theater.

In June SAD44 received ap-

proval for a nearly interest-free loan for the 18,000-square-foot project, which was proposed to provide more practice space for sports, as well as for growing school and community arts programs.

The 15-year, interest-free loan, offered through the federal stimulus package, would mean the difference between paying \$5 million or a roughly-estimated \$7 to \$8 million, Murphy said.

At Monday's hearing, attended by about three dozen people, Murphy outlined the benefits of the addition. But he also emphasized the importance of clearly understanding the seriousness of the financial situation SAD44 is facing.

This year's school budget totals \$9.6 million, down from the previous year's \$10.3 million.

But the district expects a \$250,000 curtailment in money sent from the state for this year, necessitating further cutbacks in the existing budget.

And next year SAD44's state aid is expected to take another hit, as a result of an increase in district valuation that is three times as much as the state average.

"It does not bode well. [Aid] could be drastically reduced. It will probably easily be in the vicinity of \$300,000," said Murphy. "And it could be more."

Combine that with the estimated \$333,000 annual payment for the addition, and district taxpayers would have to come up with more than a half million dollars extra.

"A minimum of \$635,000, and

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SKATEPARK
RAMPS UP

Bethel's new skatepark opened for business last Friday, and boarders were quick to try it out. Here, Matt Zinchuk does a "boneless" move on the pyramid element. On Saturday, (raindate Sunday) there will be an opening celebration, with all proceeds from a BBQ and ski ticket and ramps raffles put toward the park. For more information, see letter, Page 2.

(Photo: Nate Clukey)

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In front of Woodstock Elementary 5th grade Bethel Field Day

Letters

Letters continue this week on pages 4 and 5

A CALL FOR CIVILITY

To the Editor:

More than five years ago, the Greenwood Planning Board was asked to undertake a rather thankless task that was bound from the outset to be controversial. The Town's Comprehensive Plan called for the development of several ordinances. One was a land use ordinance to protect our ridgelines and hills the same way shoreland zoning protects our lakes and ponds. The objective was not to prohibit or impede development, but to assure that development takes place in an orderly manner that intrudes minimally on our scenic vistas.

When the task was complete, after numerous drafts, opponents, many of them non-resident builders and developers, began a drumbeat of delay and distraction. They even tried to prevent it from coming to a vote in Town Meeting. Opponents spread wild speculations of dire consequences that would befall the town if the ordinance were enacted. At least one large landowner told snowmobilers that if they voted for the ordinance, his trails would be closed. Another threatened to harass ordinance supporters at their homes. At public meetings, they mocked and derided public-spirited citizens, whose only crime was to spend many hours developing an ordinance to protect the town's natural resources. One opponent muttered to my wife after she spoke in support of the ordinance, "You people make me sick."

A non-resident property owner, who is a selectman in another community, and should have some respect for citizens who spend countless hours working for the town, angrily accused the Planning Board of selective enforcement of existing ordinances, and failing to use due diligence in the conduct of their duties. Of course, he provided few details; he refused to answer questions from the press, and was totally wrong on some of his allegations. Surely we can air our disagreements reasonably without irrational rants and insults.

The attack on the Planning Board's competence at the recent Public Hearing was just one of a long line of cheap shots taken at public servants in our community. As called for by the Comprehensive Plan, the Planning Board has already drafted two ordinances regulating subdivisions and site plan reviews. These two ordinances have been enacted, and are currently ably administered by the Planning Board with the competent assistance of our long-time code enforcement officer, John Gauthier. I am not aware of any appeals over the Planning Board's administration of these detailed and complicated ordinances. Given the Planning Board's long-time experience with the shoreland zoning ordinance, and its experience with the two recently passed ordinances, why should administering the Land Management Ordinance be any different?

The good news is, as reported in last week's Citizen, the current Selectboard unanimously voted to submit the ordinance to the voters on Nov. 17. At last, the citizens of Greenwood will finally have the opportunity to determine the land use policy for our community.

Henry Stewart, Greenwood resident, taxpayer and Land Use Advisory Committee member

LET'S FINISH FUNDING THE PARK

To the Editor:

Doesn't the new Skate Park look great! Many, many thanks to Savage Brothers Construction, Jerry Bernier Concrete, and all the contractors, organizations, and individuals who helped to finish this new park. I would like to give a more extensive thank you next week, but right now I'd like to invite skaters and non-skaters alike to enjoy a day at the park and help us raise funds to help pay for it.

On Saturday, Oct. 31, (if rain, then the following day) there will be an opening celebration and all proceeds from the BBQ, and the ski ticket and ramps raffles will be put toward the park. Donations will also be welcome.

John Amman at the Gideon Hastings House, 22 Broad Street, has offered to help raise funds in a number of ways; 20 percent of all gift certificates purchased between now and Christmas will be put toward the park. And dinners served at 22 Broad Street the week of Nov. 16-20 will have a percentage donated to the park. Volunteers serving dinners will be donating their tips to the park as well. So come enjoy some delicious Italian cuisine Nov. 16-20 at 22 Broad Street and help pay off our new skate park.

Anyone wanting to donate but not able to attend the opening celebration or a dinner at 22 Broad Street is welcome to stop by the Bethel Town Office, or mail a check to either the Town of Bethel, PO Box 1660, Bethel, ME 04217 or to The Friends of Davis Park, PO Box 705, Bethel, ME 04217. Friends of Davis Park is a 501(C)(1) nonprofit organization that is helping to fund the Skate Park. All donations are tax deductible and much appreciated. Please give what you can to help us finish paying for this wonderful, new park.

Nancy Babcock
Greater Bethel Area Skate Park Committee

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

When writing, please include your full name, signature, address and telephone number. The deadline for letters to the editor is 4:30 p.m. Monday. Letters submitted after that deadline will be considered for publication when circumstances permit. Send your letters to: Editor, Bethel Citizen, PO Box 109, Bethel, ME 04217-0109. Fax: 824-2426. E-mail: news@bethelcitizen.com.

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NO, FOR VERY PERSONAL REASONS

To the Editor:

We are asking you to vote No on Question 1 for very personal reasons. We have been together as a couple for 33 years. We have cared for, loved, and honored each other in sickness and in health, for richer and for poorer, and will continue to do so 'til death do us part.

We came to Newry 26 years ago, and with the help and support of good neighbors and friends, we built a log cabin by hand and grew our life together in the beautiful western foothills of Maine.

As we enter our sixties together we have become aware of all the ways our partnership is threatened, legally and financially, because we are not married. In the eyes of the law, because we are two women, we have not been considered family to each other. All the many ways our society honors the commitment, rights, and responsibilities of married couples have been denied to us. We rejoiced when Maine passed the law granting marriage equality for same-sex couples. Now, with Question 1 on the ballot, that law is at risk.

Throughout our life together we have been active in the life and work of our church and community. As we move into the later years of our life together, we ask only for the civil right to be acknowledged as spouses, as family, as who we have been for 33 years. Please vote No on Question 1 so that we may be married and share the civil and legal recognition our long-term committed relationship deserves.

Merrill Bittner and Nancy Noppa
Newry

SCRIPTURE AND IDEOLOGY

To the Editor:

I would like to respond to the editorial by Pat Stewart last week. But first and foremost I would like to state that all people fall short of perfection and have the ability to be completely accepted and forgiven by the Grace of God through Christ Jesus, no matter what their sin.

However, I feel that P. Stewart used Scripture inaccurately to try to justify homosexuality. Particularly in reference to the deep, brotherly love relationship between King David, a heterosexual male with several wives and multitudes of children, and Prince Jonathan, the son of King Saul. These men were fellow soldiers, bonded by the experiences of war, sacrifice and battle. The same love, camaraderie "weeping together" and the "got your back" love in a time of war is found in our soldiers today. In the heat of battle, the loyal love of a buddy is better than the love of a wife in that situation and for those circumstances. As to Pat's comment of them taking their clothes off in the other's presence, this is a normal and expedient practice on the battlefield, in locker rooms and at sporting events across the world, hence the ban on homosexuals in the military who might use those circumstances to their advantage.

To intimate that the strong bond between King David and Jonathan was anything other than loyalty and undying devotion and was in any way homosexual is to add to the Word of God which is a dangerous thing to do. It says in Revelation 22:18-19 "For I testify unto every man that hears the words of the prophecy of this book. If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book; and if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from the tree of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book." It behooves us to be careful when trying to adjust scriptures to our ideology. However mankind has been doing this for ages, and God spoke of man's predilection to doing this in many verses including in 2 Timothy 4:3 — "For the time will come when men will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear." It would behoove those who want to use scripture to justify an ungodly position on marriage, that they read the whole Word of God from the beginning to the end and to let the hard verses be interrupted by the easy ones.

God goes a step further, He teaches us through nature itself that to couple and procreate with a member of the same sex is not only impossible, but the act of coupling with the same sex is also strictly forbidden in His word and in His plan for mankind. God also elevates marriage by making it His first gift and act to mankind to bring a wife to Adam, to perform the marriage himself and then ordering them to procreate and replenish the earth.

There is certainly more at stake in this election than sexual "rights" which are behavioral and not inalienable. God specifically outlines the "recompense" we receive in ourselves by the practice of homosexuality and by taking pleasure in those who perpetrate this on our children and our society in Romans 1:18-28 if anyone has the sincere heart to want to search this out.

Marcey White
Bethel

RELIGION IS IRRELEVANT

To the Editor:

The free way of life our veterans have and continue to fight for is the one guaranteed by the US Constitution. With the intention of creating the world's first truly free society, our forefathers conceived a rights granting document that serves as the pillar of our way of life. Their uniquely American vision ultimately gave rise to the 14th Amendment granting equal protection under law to "any person" within its borders.

Whether or not the state of Maine should issue a marriage license to a couple of the same sex is a civil rights matter and has nothing to do with religion. One-by-one, our country has revisited its intentional exclusion of certain citizens from the rights enjoyed by others. In 1967, the US Supreme Court declared that it is an offense to our Constitution for a state to prohibit the marriage of interracial couples. This decision reversed the state judge's finding that "the fact that [God] separated the races shows that he did not intend for the races to mix." Such a perspective seems abhorrent when viewed through our more enlightened eyes, but in truth, it sounds eerily familiar in Maine today. In this 1967 case, the nation's Highest Court lifted the fog of religion which had, until then, occluded the human rights of the few by bowing to the prejudice of the many. The Supreme Court endeavored to undo this wrong by declaring that "marriage is one of the 'basic civil rights of man'" and "cannot be infringed by the state."

Access to civil marriage was and remains a civil rights issue separate from the sway of religious mores. I emphatically agree that we need to fight to defend marriage: our Constitution demands it. Vote No on 1.

Rich Taylor
Bethel

Referendum Election, Nov. 3, 2009

Town	Hours	Location
Albany	10-8	Grange Hall
Andover	10-8	Town Hall
Bethel/Mason	8-8	CPS Gym
Gilead	10-8	Town Office
Greenwood	10-8	Municipal Bldg.
Hanover	10-8	Town Office
Newry	10-8	Town Office
Upton	10-8	Town Office
West Paris	10-8	Town Office
W'stock/Milton	8-8	Town Office

Question 1: People's Veto: Do you want to reject the new law that lets same-sex couples marry and allows individuals and religious groups to refuse to perform these marriages?

Question 2: Citizen Initiative: Do you want to cut the rate of the municipal excise tax by an average of 55 percent on motor vehicles less than six years old and exempt hybrid and other alternative-energy and highly fuel-efficient motor vehicles from sales tax and three years of excise tax?

Question 3: Citizen Initiative: Do you want to repeal the 2007 law on school district consolidation and restore the laws previously in effect.

Question 4: Citizen Initiative: Do you want to change the existing formulas that limit state and local government spending and require voter approval by referendum for spending over those limits and for increases in state taxes?

Question 5: Citizen Initiative: Do you want to change the medical marijuana laws to allow treatment of more medical conditions and to create a regular system of distribution?

Question 6: Bond Issue: Do you favor a \$71,250,000 bond issue for improvements to highways and bridges, airports, public transit facilities, ferry and port facilities, including port and harbor structures, as well as funds for the LifeFlight Foundation that will make the State eligible for our \$148,000,000 in federal and other matching funds? Total estimated lifetime cost is \$90,843-750 representing \$71,250,000 in principal and \$19,593,750 in interest (assuming interest is 5 percent over 10 years).

Question 7: Constitutional Amendment: Do you favor amending the Constitution of Maine to increase the amount of time that local officials have to certify the signatures on direct initiative petitions?

Telstar addition: Voters in SAD44 towns will also be voting on a proposed \$5-million Telstar addition. Story, Page One.

Our Back Pages

Compiled by Danna Brown Nickerson

10 years ago: Andover Elementary School students were holding classes at Crescent Park School while the roof on the Andover school was being replaced.

The Friends of Odeon Hall were continuing their work to revitalize the hall located above the Bethel Town Office in the Cole Block.

Nearly 400 people attended the Swan Family Benefit Supper held at the Summit Hotel and more than \$6,000 was raised for the family who had lost their home to fire.

Deaths: Muriel E.B. Faudi, M. Heinie Merrill, Myron D. McAllister, Linda Joan Harrington.

20 years ago: The ninth annual Bethel Outing Club's pre-season ski sale at the Gould Academy Field House drew tremendous crowds.

The T. Buck Construction crew began digging holes at Bethel's sewer plant for two new clarifiers.

The Albany Improvement Association sponsored a hunter safety course directed by Kovi George. Instructors were Herb Lyons, John Richard, Arlene Greenleaf, and Warden Thomas Santaguida.

Birth: Cailin Roger Curtis.

Deaths: Jeordie L. Merrill, Mona B. Cole.

30 years ago: The Bethel Gospel Center of the Christian and Missionary Alliance held a dedication service at their newly renovated building on Route 26.

A single engine Piper Cherokee crashed near the summit of Mt. Peabody in Gilead, claiming the life of Paul A. Gagne, 31, of Gorham, N.H.

Four Telstar alumnae met with Principal Dr. Wayne F. Gersen to discuss the formation of the Telstar Alumni Association.

Births: Shawn Richard McLaughlin, Angela Percival, Gregory John Peaslee, Jr.

Deaths: Lester E. Coolidge, Sr., Sidney W. Davidson, Clarence H. Jodrey.

40 years ago: An encouraging number of people interested in volunteering to take part in a local ambulance call service met at the Bethel fire station.

Neighbors and friends of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Dock honored them at a housewarming party at their new home on the Intervale Road.

Deaths: Mrs. Martha Swan Wheeler, Ann Marie Cox.

50 years ago: Two days and nights of rain brought the Androscoggin River to flood stage. It was estimated that 15 to 20 thousand feet of boards and logs were missing at the Davis' sawmill.

Paul Dwyer was released from the Maine State Prison at Thomaston on parole.

The Methodist Youth Fellowship met at the Church. A turkey supper was served and ping pong and shuffleboard were enjoyed.

Deaths: Theodore Gonya.

60 years ago: In compliance with an order of the Interstate Commerce Commission affecting railroads with less than 25 days' coal supply on hand, passenger trains were running only four days a week. The shortage was caused by a coal strike.

70 years ago: Mr. and Mrs. Albert Grover were given a housewarming party at their new home on Mason Street.

80 years ago: H.S. Jodrey, Bethel railroad section foreman, suffered serious injuries when he was struck by a motor car and thrown down an embankment.

A blower system was installed in the H.F. Thurston and Son dowel mill.

90 years ago: A crew of 30 working at the Bethel corn shop was canning over 40 barrels of apples a day.

Charles L. Pollard leased the building on Church Street next to the Ramsell store and was preparing to open the Novelty Shop.

100 years ago: Miss Frances Adams, evangelist, was conducting meetings at the Bethel Methodist Church.

Dr. Brann of Waterville was assisting in Dr. F.B. Tull's dental office.

Stores in Bethel Village were being lit with electricity for the first time.

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Briefly

New venue for ski sale

BETHEL—The 29th annual Bethel Outing Club Ski Sale will take place this weekend, with over a dozen ski shops from throughout northern New England and thousands of alpine, telemark, cross-country, snowboard, and outdoor items. Sale hours are: Friday, Oct. 30 from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. and Saturday, Oct. 31 from 9 to 11:30 a.m. New this year is the venue—the sale will be at the Bethel Inn Resort's conference center, behind the Bethel Historical Society's O'Neil Robinson House. Also new this year, in an effort to sell more quality used equipment, all used gear (other than ski shop items) not sold or removed by the seller at the close of the sale Friday night will be on sale Saturday at half price. Individuals are invited to bring non-obsolete equipment to sell, subject to a 15 percent consignment fee, on Friday afternoon to the conference center. Tags are available at the sale for 50 cents per tag, or for "express check-in," in advance at the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce, with up to four tags for free and 25 cents per additional tag. Persons with more than four items are encouraged to complete their tickets prior to the sale. Details about the ski sale and the club are available at www.bethelouting.org. Since 1980, sale proceeds have provided ski equipment to the cross-country ski programs in the local schools, free or low-cost instruction and coaching, and a variety of outdoor programs for children and adults. The purpose of the Bethel Outing Club is to promote Nordic skiing and family-oriented outings with particular emphasis on youth ski programs. Dozens of volunteers are required to run the sale, and to arrange a time slot the contact person is Beth Clarke at clarkeb@sad44.org or Julia Reuter at reuterjb@hotmail.com.

Sunday River plans 'zip' lines

NEWRY—Sunday River Ski Resort is planning a new means for guests to descend its ski slopes beginning next summer. The resort plans to build a series of zip lines near its South Ridge ski trails. A zip line is a steel cable strung between an uphill and a downhill tree. The cable can support a person suspended in a harness, allowing him to slide down the line at speeds up to 30 or 40 miles an hour. Sunday River plans to criss-cross a deep gully near South Ridge with four or five zip lines, according to engineer Joe Aloisio, who presented the idea to the Newry Planning Board last week. The lines are expected to range in length from about 100 to 400 feet. Walking trails will join them. Guests will be transported up to the area on four-passenger ATVs, he said. Planners said they do not believe they need to formally consider an application for the plan, because it does not involve construction of any structures. "The only applicability might be the decibel level of the screams of the people using it," quipped planner Susan Herlihy.

Mt. Explorer to go to Mt. Abram

BETHEL—The free bus service provided by the Mt. Explorer will extend to Mt. Abram Ski Resort this winter season. For the past nine years, buses have provided transportation during ski season between Bethel and Sunday River Ski Resort. The service to Mt. Abram will operate on 15 Saturdays, starting on Dec. 19. The bus will run between Bethel Village and the resort from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. Funding is provided by a combination of a subsidy from MDOT and investments from many local businesses, with Sunday River the largest investor. Organizers are also seeking a corporate sponsor from outside of the community, according to Robin Zinchuk, executive director of the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce.

Tax rate set in Hanover

HANOVER—Hanover assessors met Tuesday to establish the tax commitment for 2009/10. The rate is 6.82 mills, down from last year's 7.15 mills. On property valued at \$100,000, the change would lower the taxes by \$33. Taxpayers will be raising a total of \$300,608. One mil raises \$44,077 in Hanover this year.

Voters approve truck purchase

WOODSTOCK—At a special Town Meeting last week, about 20 voters unanimously approved \$35,000 to purchase a 1987 pumper truck for the fire department. The vehicle will replace a 1974 truck that has been having mechanical problems. Of the funds approved, \$27,000 will go directly toward the truck purchase and the rest toward equipment for it.

Home sales rise

SOUTH PORTLAND—Sales of single-family existing homes in Maine rose a strong 22.74 percent in September 2009 compared with the same month in 2008. The Maine Real Estate Information System, Inc. reported a median sales price (MSP) of \$167,000, a decrease of 6.05 percent from last September, again highlighting the increase in the first time buyer market in Maine. The September median price is an increase from August 2009's MSP of \$162,800. The median sales price indicates that half of the homes were sold for more and half sold for less. National statistics released by the National Association of Realtors (NAR) indicate a 7.7 percent single-family home sales increase in the past 12 months. The national MSP dipped 8.1 percent to \$174,900. Regionally, sales in the Northeastern U.S. rose 11.8 percent in September 2009. A regional MSP of \$234,700 reflects a 7 percent decrease. Realtor Sheryl Gregory of Homestead Realty in Winthrop says, "Sales have been steady in August and September." Gregory says first-time homebuyers need to meet the closing deadline of Nov. 30 to take advantage of the \$8,000 first-time homebuyer tax credit. "This is a real concern that requires quick personal decisions."

Team night at ski center

BETHEL—The Bethel Nordic Ski Center at The Bethel Inn Resort will host a Team Night on Friday, Nov. 6 from 4-8 p.m. It will be held in the Millbrook Tavern in The Bethel Inn at 21 Broad St. in Bethel. This is an informal gathering for all ski clubs, college ski teams, and middle and high school Nordic ski teams to look at and purchase new Nordic ski equipment at special team prices. Ryan Dee from Fischer and Mike Innes from Swix will be on hand with 2010 skis, boots, poles and waxing tools. Coaches and their skiers will receive professional advice from Dee, Innes, and the ski center staff on equipment choices and proper fitting. Orders can be placed during the evening event for delivery prior to the snow season. Dee will have Fischer Nordic ski equipment choices for the beginner skiers to the most competitive racers. Innes will offer a waxing clinic focused on proper and effective techniques for prepping, waxing, and cleaning skis. The Millbrook Tavern at The Bethel Inn Resort will be open, offering appetizers, light fare, and dinner. For more information, please contact the Bethel Nordic Ski Center at skishop@caribourecreation.com or call Sarah at 207-807-7505.

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Pursuant to Title 28 MRSA 252 -- a notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held on November 9, 2009 at the Bethel Town Office to consider a Liquor License renewal from The Sudbury Inn of Bethel located at 151 Main St. and an Entertainment Permit renewal from The Sudbury Inn of Bethel. Public comment will be heard at that time. Prior to the hearing date written comment may be issued to the Bethel Town Office or email at info@bethelmaine.org

Christen Mason
Town Clerk

PUBLIC HEARING
Pursuant to Title 28 MRSA 252 -- a notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held on November 9, 2009 at the Bethel Town Office to consider a Liquor License application from The Jolly Drayman, Inc. located at 150 Mayville Rd. and an Entertainment Permit application from The Jolly Drayman. Public comment will be heard at that time. Prior to the hearing date written comment may be issued to the Bethel Town Office or email at info@bethelmaine.org

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Letters

BIBLE BELT NO SHINING EXAMPLE

To the Editor:

I have been reading with both interest and dismay all the arguments for Proposition 1, the proposal to strip our legal right to marry a person of own gender, should we choose to.

It has been said that allowing us to marry people of our own gender will weaken the institution of marriage. Fortunately, the evidence clearly disproves this. Wherever same-gender marriages are permitted, they have lower divorce rates than traditional marriages. Same-gender civil unions have also fared better than traditional marriage. In Denmark, a 20-year history of same-gender unions has produced a "divorce" rate of 17 percent, compared to 46 percent for traditional marriages. Neither has there been any increase in childhood abuse or maladjustment. Here in the United States, it is interesting to note that the "Bible belt," where outrage against same-gender marriage is strongest, is the very place where divorce is highest, whereas Massachusetts, which has legalized same-gender marriage, perennially has one of the lowest divorce rates in the nation.

Aside from being factually unsupported, using the threat that it will weaken marriage is a very dangerous argument. Are we to seriously accept the statistical likelihood that a certain type of marriage will succeed as a criterion for permitting it? If so, why not ban marriage for residents of the divorce-riddled Bible belt, who clearly do not take the sanctity of the institution seriously? And what if we discover that, say, Irish/Spanish marriages are especially prone to divorce? Or those between NRA members? We already know that addicts have high divorce rates; what are we to do with this information, in the defense of marriage? As for the concept that the institution is somehow "cheapened" by same-gender marriages, I can only imagine that to be true for those who start with the premise that gays and lesbians somehow have less intrinsic value than straight people. Personally, I have promised to cherish my own marriage and work as hard as I can in it without regard to who else might also happen to get married. Those who cannot do the same are the ones who really damage the institution.

As it stands today, the chance of a U.S. marriage lasting a lifetime is roughly equivalent to the toss of a coin coming up heads, and fewer people are marrying. Permitting same-gender marriages will actually help improve both these statistics.

The next most popular argument is the heartfelt plea that the speaker's god does not permit same-gender marriage, and is often accompanied by the statement that we live in a Christian nation. Of course, we do not live in a Christian nation; rather, we live in a nation with a lot of Christians in it, and there is, or certainly should be, an immense difference between the two. One of the very reasons there is a separation of church and state is to avoid the legislation of specific religious beliefs. I happen to be an atheist, and find it both patronizing and alarming that people feel compelled to legislate their religion, even a bit at a time, upon me. We should remember that our nation is currently at war against those who would thrust their religious beliefs upon everyone within their reach by terror and by law. I submit, as many during the Civil War and civil rights movement did, that any legislation denying basic rights is as surely a form of violence as bloodshed itself. Let us shun acts of violence, in any form, in God's name. I would further suggest that, if it is truly the faithful's hope to win converts, they should contemplate by which path they will win more souls over: through denying a couple that which they believe with all their hearts to be their secular right; or instead through allowing them their equality and dignity in our secular society, even as they are invited with open arms and hearts to explore the teachings of the church. "Render unto Caesar. . ."

We need not spend much ink arguing the demeaning proposition that allowing same-gender marriages changes the very meaning of the word. We spend blood and treasure defending

the freedom of our citizens every day; if changing the meaning of a single word can bring freedom to even a few, it is our very duty as citizens to do so.

Of course, I must admit that I do not expect many people to be swayed by the real, hard evidence that plainly and clearly refutes the claims of Yes on One. Nor do I think the disturbing fact that the spirit of separation of church and state is so flagrantly violated by those who would legislate what others can or can't do in accordance to their own scripture will actually prevent many people from attempting just that. Fortunately, not many people need to be swayed! The latest polls show this issue to be in a dead heat. Therefore, if you believe in the outrageous proposition that people should be free to do what they wish so long as they do not harm others in the process, please vote no on one! This time it is too important — and too close — to treat voting as a spectator sport.

Jon Starr
Rumford

HOMOSEXUALITY IS NATURAL

To the Editor:

It is no secret that I strongly support a vote of No on 1. After reading the letters of those who favor a Yes vote, what bothers me the most is their insistence that one who is attracted to others of the same gender can just change. They make statements like: "they have chosen to be that way"; "they should know they are committing a sin"; "we won't have anything to do with them unless they behave like us," etc.

I do not believe that such a change is possible or necessary. I went to factcheck.org and found numerous articles on the topic of changing from homosexual to heterosexual. I agree with this report by Bruce Love:

"Freud in early 20th c. considered homosexuality natural and unchangeable.

The American Psychiatric Assoc. in 1973 officially recognized it as natural and not a mental illness.

Other evidence that homosexuality is unchangeable includes: a) 10,000 suicides each year of homosexual youth, unable to change and unwilling to live with that orientation; b) the high percentage that seek help; c) very small percentage that claim they changed; d) the millions that "live in the closet" afraid of revealing their identity."

I knew a young female student whose father could not accept that she was gay. He hounded her until she committed suicide.

I write this in her memory and in deep sympathy for all those who are made to suffer needlessly.

Nancy Willard
Woodstock

STAND TALL FOR MARRIAGE

To the Editor:

As with any political season, we are all bombarded with print ads, television ads, as well as roadside ads to try to convince me the electorate of the justifications to vote one way or the other. This political season is no exception with the differing sides on Question 1. For those who are unfamiliar with the working of the ballot initiative, it states: Do you want to reject the new law that lets same-sex couples marry and allow individuals and religious groups to refuse to perform these marriages?

Regardless of whether you agree that same-sex couples should be allowed to marry or not, you need to understand that religious groups and individuals will have the right to refuse to perform those marriages if they are allowed to become law. There are many facets to each side of the arguments whether this law is a good one or not.

Recently a thought came to me as I drove by the roadside signs that are always so prevalent in political campaigns that have

such emotional feelings.

The YES on 1 campaign is using a roadside sign which says: YES on 1 — Stand for Marriage. I found this sign quite interesting and thought provoking. After much consideration, I have very much decided to Stand for Marriage and I shall, therefore, vote NO on this question.

You see, I believe that all individuals should be allowed to marry the individual that they love. The Stand for Marriage (Yes on 1) side is trying to make everyone believe that only traditional marriage (one man-one woman) is rightly allowed to possess the civil right to marry. Most individuals understand that marriage today is a twofold process. For those who wish to have a religious ceremony, they must also have a civil license to marry. You cannot have a religious marriage without a civil marriage license. Having a civil license, however, does not necessarily mean you need to have a religious ceremony. You can, therefore, have a civil license and be lawfully married WITHOUT the religious ceremony. Allowing same-sex couples to obtain a civil license to marry will not force or require any religious institution to perform a separate ceremony. It will, however, give those same-sex couples the civil rights that ALL married couples are entitled to.

The Yes on 1 side wants you to believe that allowing same-sex couples will demean the institution of marriage. I fail to understand that if one is already married, how allowing your son, daughter, niece, nephew, mother, father, friend or neighbor to marry the individual they love (even if that is of the same sex) will demean other marriages. If the YES on 1 side is so afraid that allowing same sex couples to marry will demean their own marriages, then those marriages don't have the levels of trust or commitment that they think there is, and therefore, this issue is nothing more than a smoke screen.

Winston Churchill once said, "We have nothing to fear but fear itself." It appears that we are, in this state, at a point whereby the electorate is choosing whether we have to fear same-sex marriages. Same-sex couples only want the same things in life that we all do.

What we need to remember is that we each have brothers, sisters, mothers, fathers, friends and neighbors who happen to be gay (whether we want to admit it to ourselves or not). What they want out of life is the same as what you or I want out of life.

Most of all they want the right to be able to marry the individual that they love.

None of us have any right to stand in their way.

I urge each and every one of you to do the right thing and stand tall for the institution of marriage and vote No on 1.

Norman Milliard
Greenwood

FIFTH-GRADE WREATH SALE

To the Editor:

I would like to take this time to thank the community for all the support that they have given to all the charities, classes, and groups that are in the surrounding areas. I would also like to thank all of those who have already contributed to any of the fifth-grade fundraisers that have been done this year. Every year the fifth grade goes on an overnight field trip that only occurs if enough fundraising and money is collected.

One of the fifth-grade fundraisers includes an annual wreath sale, which has been done for the past six years. I am asking for individuals and businesses to please consider buying a wreath from a fifth-grader so that the current fifth-graders can once again go on the overnight field trip to Boston. A wreath is a perfect decoration and/or holiday gift. The fifth-graders will have a table set up at the IGA every Saturday and Sunday until Nov. 15 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. If you are interested in buying

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The Way I See It

by Sharon Bouchard

"Trick or Treat, smell my feet, give me something good to eat!"

I wonder just how long that little ditty has been around. I used to chant it when I was a kid, my children, especially my son, would say it over and over as Halloween grew nearer. And, I have heard my grandson recite the age-old saying too.

Like so many other sayings, adages and popular rhymes, I don't have a clue where the "trick or treat" one originated or how long ago. I couldn't find anything on the Internet to solve the mystery, but I was merely curious and how it began isn't very important.

What's important to me is that it's still around and as annoying as it can be when a little kid says it over and over I find it comforting. In this fast-changing world having some remnant of the past still with us today is a bit of a relief.

In fact, there is a lot about Halloween that hasn't changed over the years and I find them comforting too.

Though there are costumes based on more recent horror movies like *Scream* and *Nightmare on Elm Street*, the old standbys like ghosts, skeletons and devils are still staples for little kids.

I had the same hand-me-down skeleton costume for three years running when I was little. I really wanted to be a fairy princess year after year, but buying a new costume was out of the question.

The first year of the skeleton the costume was large enough to go on over my coat so I would be warm enough. The second year it still went on over my coat,

but I could barely move. And the third year the coat went on over the then too-tight skeleton and I could still barely move.

And the stupid mask always made my face sweat and I always had trouble lining up the eyeholes so I could actually see. The last year of the skeleton I made a magic wand covered in glitter and put glitter in my hair and pretended that I was a dead fairy princess.

The knowledge of the "good candy" houses was worth sharing.

Last year I had my fair share of skeletons come knocking on my door and I took some comfort in that. Some of the skeleton costumes were certainly more elaborate than in my old hand-me-down and probably cost a pretty penny. I didn't have a single dead fairy princess come calling.

One big change I did notice last year was a departing trick or treaters pulling out his cell phone and calling friends to let them know my house had some good candy.

That kind of valuable information was something that I passed on to my friends too, but I had to wait until I bumped into them on the sidewalk. Sometimes the information was passed on to kids I didn't even know, or maybe I did. It was hard to tell who was under those ghost sheets or behind those witch masks, but it didn't matter. The knowledge of the "good candy" houses was worth sharing.

Cell phones aside, the trick-or-treat ritual doesn't seem to have changed a great deal over the years and I do take comfort in that.

I'm sure the kids today just as in my childhood seek out the "good candy" houses and avoid the "apple and popcorn" houses and compare the weight of their trick or treat bags with each other.

When you think about it the trick-or-treat ritual is kind of a sick tradition. No other time would we allow our children to go door to door amassing as much candy as they can and claiming bragging rights to the fullest bags.

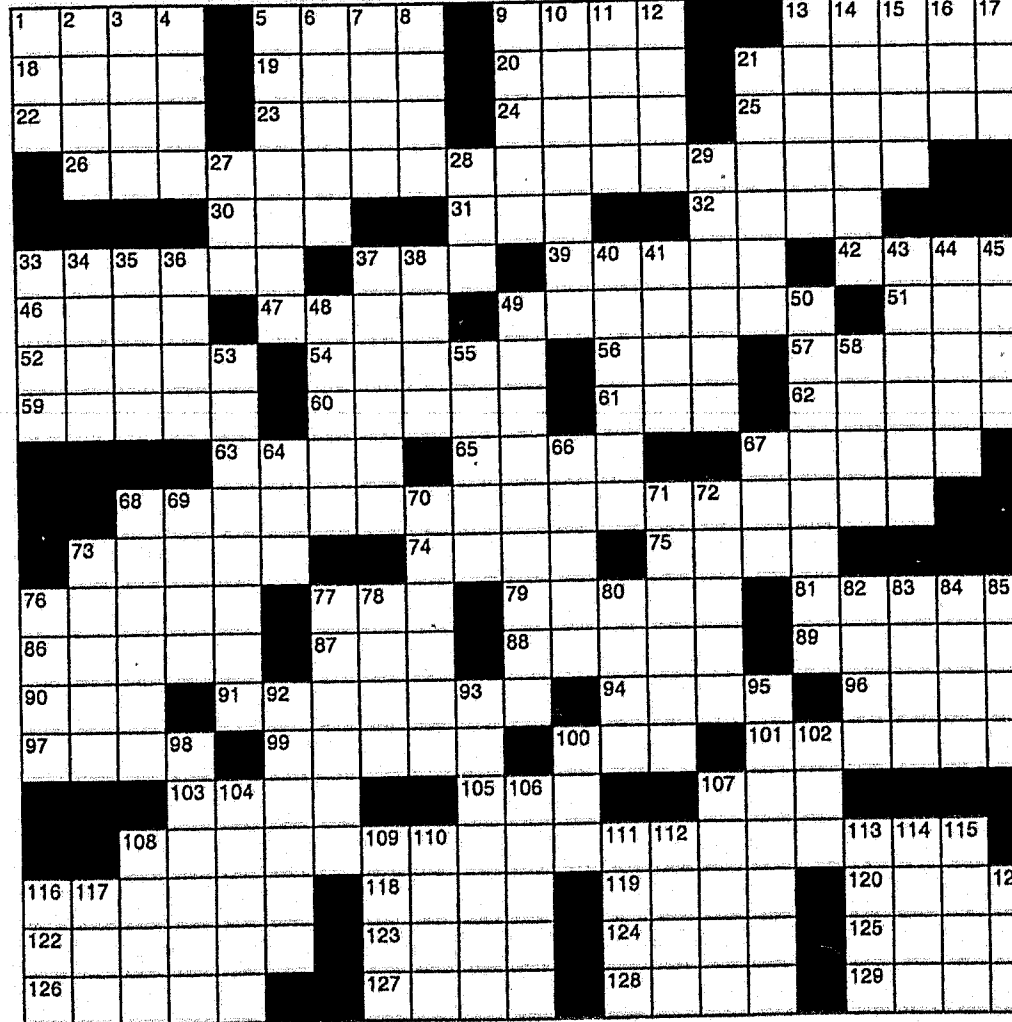
And the scary part is that we usually don't let them eat all that much of their take. When the kids get home the candy gets dumped into a bowl then the sibling swap takes place — "I'll trade you a Peanut Butter Cup for a Milky Way." The kids get to eat some of the candy and the parents eat their share too then the bowl gets stuck up in a cupboard and forgotten about until it's tossed out a few months later. At least that's how it always went in my house.

As strange as the trick-or-treat custom may be, it has been around for a long time and I assume will be around for many years to come and I do take comfort in that.

On Halloween the little ghosts, skeletons and devils and a few Jaxons and Freddie Krugers will come knocking on my door once again. And once again another Halloween will come and go and I won't get to be a fairy princess. The way I see it we can all take comfort in that.

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 - Anklebiter
 - "— Amber" ('47 film)
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 - Haven, CT
 - Thick slice
 - Demean
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Super Crossword "Sailing Lesson"

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Amy L. Hanscom
For Fifth Grade Wreath Sale

FALL FOLIAGE EVENT THANKS

To the Editor:

We would like to say what an honor it was to have Leroy and Brenda (Mills) Gray's memorial on Saturday, Oct. 17, at the Bethel Regional Airport. We are so very thankful that the Bethel Airport Committee allowed this to happen and to include it in their Benefit Fall Foliage Event. This memorial was to honor them as well as to celebrate their love of flying. Leroy's love of flying became Brenda's means of getting home to visit more often and much quicker.

We would like to thank the Maine Troopers Association for everything they provided, the plaque, the stone, the State Police Color Guard (volunteered off-duty troopers), Bridgton's Chief of Police Dave Lyons (a retired state trooper and friend of Leroy's). We would also like to give an extra special thank you to Byron Lapham for his vision and hard work, but mostly

for his friendship to Leroy and Brenda.

We hope everyone had a chance to enjoy the Benefit Fall Foliage Event and the Foliage Scenic Flights — we most certainly did. What an outstanding job the Bethel Regional Airport did! You could see all the smiles exiting from the planes after a most enjoyable flight. We are looking forward to next year's.

Thank you again,
Doris Mills, Rodney Cary, Christine, Brian Blake and family
Dawn Mills and Wayne Thomas

HALLOWEEN FENCING PARTY

To the Editor:

A reminder that the fencing party to complete the Mayville Trail was postponed from last Saturday because of bad weather. The new date is Saturday, Oct. 31. Time is 9 a.m. Location is behind the Norseman Inn.

Yes, it's Halloween! Also opening of the skateboard park. So wear old and warm clothes, be prepared to be spooked and work hard. We might take a break to go skateboarding. Or at least watch!

And this time, it's a go — rain or shine!

Jeff Parsons
Bethel

For these kids and seniors, 'the play's the thing'



The Senior College Players will perform two intergenerational plays with fifth-grade pupils from Crescent Park School, Woodstock and Andover Elementary Schools on Thursday, Nov. 12 at CPS. Karen Paul (right) is the lead player. She is giving students and players a lesson in miming. Pictured with her are AES pupils Hunter Nadeau, George Wheeler, and Jacob Rainey. (Photo: J. Arizzi)

The Senior College Players will perform two intergenerational plays with fifth-grade students from Crescent Park School (CPS), Woodstock and Andover elementary schools on Thursday, Nov. 12, at 9 a.m. at CPS. The plays, "The Trial of Goldilocks" by Joseph Robinette and "The Crooked Town" by Gordon C. Bennett are directed by Lynn Arizzi.

Lynn Arizzi said she discovered these two plays, appropriate for children, while reviewing plays for the Senior College Players. She presented the idea to the players as a way to stretch their talents by working side by side with elementary student actors. Roberta Taylor, one of the Players, is working with Arizzi on ways to involve the students.

Dave Murphy, superintendent of schools, assisted in contacting the principals and teachers at the elementary schools and they are enthusiastic about the project.

There are about 70 fifth-grade students in the three elementary schools and all of them will be included in the plays. Arizzi and Taylor

and several Players will visit each fifth-grade classroom in advance of the performance. Karen Paul will be the lead Player giving students a lesson in miming along with selected Players from the two plays. The students will mime the porridge, chairs, beds and animals of the forest in "The Trial of Goldilocks." Some students will also mime the crooked people and objects in "The Crooked Town." Tera Ingram, the art teacher at CPS, will help students create masks for the animals of the forest. Linda Stowell, music teacher at CPS, will help provide a surprise musical ending in which all fifth-graders along with the third- and fourth-grade students in the audience, will participate.

"The Trial of Goldilocks" examines the familiar fairy tale from three points of view: the traditional, the spoiled brat Goldilocks, and three conniving bears and their animal band of hoods from the forest. The story is told in rhyme with the fifth-graders enhancing the story with their miming. The play features all Senior Col-

lege Players including Barbara Dion, Walter Brough, Roberta Taylor, Joe Arizzi, Lorie Hoeh, Carole Timberlake, Ross Timberlake, Norm Millard, Tineka Ouwinga, Rosabelle Tift, Joanne Morse, Arita Zitoli, Mary Colbath, Karen Paul and Carol Campbell.

"The Crooked Town" is a short tale where everyone and everything in the town are crooked and very disgruntled. Two peddlers come to town with some interesting items in their cart.

Again, the fifth-graders will help tell the story and all participants in the audience will help make a joyous musical ending. Tineka Ouwinga, Barbara Dion, Karen Paul, Carol Campbell, Walter Brough and Rosabelle Tift are the featured Senior College Players in this play.

Now in its fourth year, Senior College Players is a course offered by Western Mountains Senior College. "These intergenerational plays are a 'fun way' of introducing the students to theater," said Arizzi, "as well as a new venture for the Senior College Players."

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Condor

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tion in the ANG's draft EIS on the proposal.

The governor asked that the Sept. 2 hearing be postponed for six to nine months "in order to allow the ANG to conduct a more thorough analysis of the environmental impacts to the state of Maine and, in particular, the western Mountains region."

"I believe the Air National Guard must do more work to assure me and the people of western Maine that no significant impact will result from the proposed changes that would allow low-level training flights over Maine," Bal-dacci wrote.

But the new hearing date is less than two-and-a-half months later than the original date.

That's not what the governor was hoping for, said spokesman Dave Farmer.

"At this point the governor's taking a very skeptical view of the National Guard Bureau's position," Farmer said.

"We don't think that the Bureau was responsive, but we're hoping they will still come forward with additional information to answer the questions that have been raised both by the governor and residents in the area of Condor."

The governor's office has not yet made a final decision on where it will go from here on the matter, Farmer said, "whether we'll do it as part of the process or go directly to the FAA. We haven't decided what our best tack is."

Coming around again under the radar?

One of the criticisms raised about the initial hearing date was lack of sufficient public notification.

The only public announcement for the Sept. 2 hearing was a notice in the Aug. 9 Maine Sunday Telegram, which was too little, too late to meet Maine's public-notification requirements.

In the case of the currently scheduled meeting, a Sept. 30 notice was apparently placed on the Maine Department of Transportation website.

Asked by e-mail about the hearing notice, Lt. Col. Milord forwarded a copy of an e-mail with the same information posted to the MDOT site.

Noted at the top of the e-mail: "sent to: news@bethelcitizen.com on Sept 30."

But The Citizen, which follows Condor developments closely and would certainly have alerted our readers to the new date as soon as possible, has no recollection or record of receiving such an e-mail.

And a quick search of Maine's major newspapers (all of which have followed Condor to some extent) finds no reference to the Nov. 14, hearing.

The hearing is scheduled to be held from 2 to 6 p.m. in the Lincoln Auditorium at UMF.

(The draft EIS can be viewed online at www.maine.gov/mdot/angcondor/index.htm. The deadline for comments is Jan. 1.)

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Spirits

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PHANTOM FOOTSTEPS—Laura Taylor says she often hears the footsteps of someone wearing high heels coming down the stairs (right) and walking down the hallway in the basement of the Bethel Inn. (Photo: A. Aloisio)

"I'm glad you're here," Taylor recalls her saying.

The clerk said she had heard children running up and down the hallway all night.

"Then it hit her," said Taylor. "No one was in the inn."

"Taylor also reports a regular occurrence that she says takes place several times a week. When she's in the laundry area in the inn's basement, she's heard the sound of high heels coming down a twisting staircase, and then clicking along on the concrete floor of the hallway.

She hasn't seen anyone, but one time, as she stood in an adjacent room, she felt a sense that someone walked by her.

Guest reports ghost
This past summer a guest watching TV in her room saw the torso of a woman behind the television. She reported it to Brad Jerome, the inn's director of sales and marketing.

"She said, 'No one's going to believe me, but I had a conversation with a ghost,'" said Jerome.

The ghost said, "Don't tell."

Was the guest frightened? Hardly. "She spent some time at the Bethel Historical Society looking for information," said Jerome.

He later mentioned the otherworldly encounter to Taylor. Taylor described her own experience with a mysterious woman.

Her detailing of the woman's appearance matched the guest's description "to a T," said Jerome.

Taylor said she has come to accept the ghostly woman as part of the inn's family.

"I think she just wants to know who's here," said Taylor.

BHS account

Randy Bennett, curator of collections at the Bethel Historical Society, recalls the inn guest who visited the society after the ghost woman visited her.

"The woman was from Hartford, Conn., and came to the Society's research library in mid-July looking for information about people who might have stayed at the Bethel Inn years ago.

"The 'researcher' said that she had had a 15-minute conversation with an apparition in the form of a woman whose first name was Julia, and who appeared to her in her guest room.

"This 'Julia' said something about being ill and needing a nurse while at the inn, and also that she had been in the attic of the building.

"Since it didn't appear that the lady from Hartford was familiar with the early history of the Inn, her remark about the woman being ill and having a nurse surprised me, since a number of Dr. John G. Gehring's patients stayed at the inn (where there were rooms set aside for nurses), while undergoing treatment for nervous disorders.

"Our summer student intern, Edie Doyle, worked with the Hartford woman to come up with something here to further identify 'Julia,' but we found nothing.

"As she left that day, the Inn's guest said she would try to ask the ghost for her last name if she appeared again. We heard nothing further."

Addition

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a maximum of a lot more," said Murphy.

He said SAD44 is approaching the category of "minimum receivership." Under that scenario, a district receives only a percentage of its special-education costs.

"You usually think of that in a Cape Elizabeth," he said. "Our valuation is working against us."

Murphy also said residents should enter the voting booth not anticipating that the School Board would cut the regular budget in future years to compensate for the \$333,000 payments.

Rather, he said, they should consider the payment as over

and above the budget.

The breakdown of the annual Telstar addition payments among district towns are: Andover \$21,833; Bethel \$116,667; Greenwood, \$39,394; Newry, \$108,890; and Woodstock, \$46,567.

If the project were approved, taxpayers would get some relief after about three years, when the \$250,000 annual payments end on the Crescent Park Elementary School addition.

Utility costs

As for costs for the Telstar project beyond the debt payment, architect Jim Reuter said heating oil and electricity for the additional space could annually total an esti-

mated \$44,000.

Asked if there would be potential for local contractors to be involved in construction, Reuter said the state requires the district take the low bid of those submitted by qualified bidders.

"It depends on their ability to be low bidder," he said.

And, Reuter said, because there are not many large general contractors in the area, the likelihood a local company would be awarded the project was small.

The hearing lasted a little over an hour, and also included discussion of the need for upgrades of existing facilities at Telstar (see sidebar).

Needed energy updates in the works

"How can we spend \$5 million when this place is coming down around our ears?" asked SAD44 resident Norm Foster.

Monday's hearing on the proposed addition at Telstar took place at the school.

Before the meeting, Foster said, he toured the building, and was very concerned with its condition.

For example, he said, the windows in the cafeteria don't close entirely.

Foster's concerns, said SAD44 Supt. Dave Murphy, highlight another issue, one that district officials have been grappling with for several years.

"Regardless of the outcome of this particular vote, we realize we need to spend money

on facilities upgrades," he said.

SAD44 has been laying the groundwork for dealing with upgrades, said Murphy, by putting aside money for the past three years. The funds now total about \$1.2 million, he said.

"We're in a position that we may see a referendum vote as early as next spring or fall," he said. "It would be great to get matching funds."

If nothing else comes of the addition proposal, said Murphy, "we've had a good conversation about needs and a better understanding as a community that our buildings need to operate efficiently. That's a good takeaway."

Flu

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to the detection of H1N1 in several Gould students, said Milot.

Among all the patients coming to BFHC, none have needed hospitalization, she said. The center has been prescribing Tamiflu for high-risk patients.

BFHC has been working with the schools to organize both seasonal and H1N1 immunizations.

Milot said seasonal flu is just now starting to appear in Maine.

A public seasonal vaccine clinic for high-risk patients will take place at the center Nov. 7, she said.

An ad in next week's Citizen

will clarify who will qualify for the shots.

As for any public clinics for H1N1, Milot said it would likely be late December at the earliest before immunizations would be available outside of schools.

Gould

Last week Gould received 200 H1N1 vaccinations from the Maine CDC and administered them to 80 percent of the student population, as well as high-risk members of the health services staff, according to spokesman Tucker Kimball.

"Over the weekend we saw more suspected cases bringing the number of students with confirmed and suspected H1N1 to 32," said Kimball. "This number represents both

students who are currently recovering and those who have fully recovered and are back in school.

"According to the CDC, it takes eight to 10 days for the vaccine to take effect, so we expect to see the rate of spread to diminish significantly as these vaccinations begin to work.

"Based on the rate of spread of H1N1 observed at residential camps this summer, and due to the residential nature of Gould, the Maine CDC will provide Gould with enough vaccines this week to ensure that 100 percent of the student population is inoculated. This will help to further ensure a healthy campus and the greater community."

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Bethel



by Donald G. Bennett

This coming weekend: New Skateboard Park officially opens. Friday after-

noon, Oct. 23, at the new Skateboard Park the contractor had taken down Do Not Enter signs and do-not-cross yellow tape. Around 4:30 p.m., a swarm of more than 30 skateboard fans were all over the park and parents were watching from the sidelines. Never have there been so many at that park at one time.

Also on Saturday: a trail workers' rally to put up fencing along the path to Twitchell Brook. Rain forced a cancellation of the project last Saturday.

Questions! Call Jeff Parsons at 824-4224. Want to help but need directions? Look behind the Harrington's old fairgrounds barn on the North Road.

Happy 130th - Bethel Library Association

Well the Masonic Lodge in Bethel is older than the Bethel Library Association but few other groups can make that claim. Our Library maintains its robustness due to the continuous support by its patrons. As more couples come here to retire, buy residential condos and look for interesting pursuits, the Bethel Library sees new faces as a steady flow of clientele.

In 1904 Annie Frye, the library association's secretary for many years, wrote a brief history of the library's founding and continuance to mark their first 25 years. One paragraph is particularly amusing:

"When the Bethel Library Association was organized twenty-five years ago (1879) this winter, books were not as easily obtained. If one person purchased a new book, it went the rounds of the neighborhood. If the current literature was to be indulged in to any extent, one must be connected with some circulating library in one of our nearby cities and have the books sent by mail or express. Perhaps, had

it not been for this inconvenience the Bethel Library Association would not have been in existence today. It is a woman's organization, and strange to relate, it was organized before the invasion of the "club woman"; therefore we cannot say "It is the logical outcome of Club influence."

She ends by writing: "At present (1904) there are about three thousand volumes. There is a very good collection of reference books, valuable beyond price, donated by thoughtful friends ever mindful of their home town nestled here among the mountains and picturesque hills. Such combination of circumstances, together with goodwill, public spirit, and executive ability, has brought about the institution and final success of The Bethel Library Association."

During those first twenty-five years, other Bethel and Newry village associations formed small libraries. Gould Academy kept a public reading room open that was stocked with daily newspapers and periodicals. Members of the Bethel Hill library association employed a variety of fundraising activities so their collection could grow. One example was in 1893 when the first Bethel Town Meeting in Odeon Hall met. Ladies of the Library Association furnished dinner at Odeon Hall for the Town Meeting on Monday night with proceeds from the dinner going to benefit the library. On other occasions entertainment programs were held in the hall to benefit the library.

Although the library association first relied on member homes to house their book collection, research by Margaret Tibbetts identified four locations where the library has been housed. The first was Miss E. E. Burnham's millinery shop thought to have been in the old Rowe block of stores. It faced the Common, standing in front of today's Bethel Fire Station. From 1884 to 1899, the association rented rooms on the second floor of the building across from the Dresser's home on Church Street.

Thereafter the library story has three important dates:

In 1899 it moved into a house on the lot where the library stands today as a tenant in

Enoch Foster's law office building.

In 1923 the library received a legacy gift of \$10,000, its Broad Street library building and the land it occupied from the estate of Mrs. Agnes Hasting Straw. (Enoch Foster died in 1913.)

In 1937 the library trustees had raised enough money for a new, main building.

The Citizen's headline of Sept. 16, 1937 read "Work Is Begun on Library Building". "Work was commenced on Monday, Sept. 13, 1937 for the foundations of the present Library which is to be moved back 16 feet to allow for the erection of a new building upon the street front."

"John Calvin Stevens of Portland, after consultation with the committee, drew the plans for a Cape Cod cottage, 36x21 feet, to stand on the street line with the present building to be attached to the rear as an ell. The interior of the new building is to be all in one room with a fireplace opposite the entrance and a doorway into the ell at one side from which a stairway upstairs and down will be built. It is planned to remove the partition in the stacks and also to build shelves around the main room with an alcove a reading room and a children's corner as well as the Librarian's desk. In this way ample accommodation for books will be secured for many years to come. These plans were approved at a recent meeting of the Board and the committee authorized to proceed at a total expenditure estimated not to exceed \$5,000."

(Stevens did another Bethel job that year — he was consulted on the rebuilding of the Congregational Church's steeple and designed new pulpit furniture for the church.)

More recent librarians have included: Miss Maud Thurston (Mike Thurston's aunt) 1911-1927; Annie Hamlin (1927-1938); Miss Maud Farwell (1938-1953); Phyllis Howe (1953-1957); Mary Chadbourne (1957-1971); Virginia Keniston (1971-1985); Betsy Raymond (1985-1996); Michelle Conroy since 1996.

The Librarian's annual report which was published in Bethel's most recent town report explains the library's service area and funding as follows: "The Bethel Library

serves all children in SAD44 and all patrons in the towns of Bethel, Greenwood, Locke Mills, Gilead, Newry and Albany Township. The library's sources of funds for operating expenses are possible due to endowments, annual fund drive, quilt raffle, plant sale, and book sale and town donations. The Library is a non-profit private entity."

Annual funds came from the following towns and activities: Town of Bethel: \$16,000; Town of Newry: \$5000; Town of Gilead: \$300 and Town of Greenwood: \$266.67. The annual fund drive chaired by Marjorie Osgood: \$13,624. Plant sale co-chaired by Susan Parker and John Applin: \$1,248. The Book sale chaired by Sandy Dennis: \$1,836 and the Quilt raffle co-chaired by Lucia Schwarz and Caroline Gould: \$2020.

Next week Part Two of the Bethel Library's 130th anniversary look back will cover the Internet, computer filing, programs, building changes and improvements.

To read the full accounts of library history written by Annie Frye, Margaret Tibbetts and the Bethel Citizen go to www.thebetheljournal.info/Associations/Bethel_Library.

West Bethel Water System

Bethel Utility District
The Town of Bethel operated the West Bethel Water System from 1959 to 1971 when it was transferred to the Bethel Water District. According to the 1959 Bethel Town Report,

a special 1959 Town Meeting authorized the town to install a water system at West Bethel Village, hire the necessary money not exceeding \$15,000 and to petition the legislature to incorporate the system as the Bethel Utilities District.

The town borrowed \$10,000 from Casco Bank and Trust Company to finance the installation of the water system. Harold Bean was Bethel's town manager. Maurice Kendall, Burton Newton, Wallace Saunders, Harold G. Bennett and John Carter were the selectmen.

The report goes on to say that considerable difficulties were encountered in making installation of the system. Materials that were ordered were very slow in being delivered. Most difficult item was in obtaining delivery of the 2,000-gallon tank. Thanks to the ground not freezing until late in the season system excavation was able to be completed and water was turned on for the first time on Jan. 5, 1960.

From the Bethel Police Log:

Tuesday, Oct. 27

At 7 a.m. Sgt. S.R. White responded to a location for a report of a suspicious vehicle. A dump truck had been idling, but the brake did not hold. The truck rolled off a parking lot and ended up on an incline. The vehicle was pulled out.

At 8:30 a.m. Sgt. S.R. White contacted a subject about a trespassing complaint.

Monday, Oct. 26

At 3:40 p.m. Officer Crystal Aylward met with a subject regarding a threat made by telephone.

Sunday, Oct. 25

(Time not available) Officer Bill Britting received a report of a tractor trailer operating erratically on Route 2. The vehicle was found, traveling at 70 mph. The driver did not initially pull over, and said he was looking for a good place to pull over. He was given a summons for speeding.

At 2 p.m. Officer Jack Taylor met with two subjects who reported being harassed by another subject. The investigation is ongoing.

At 8:40 p.m. Officer Bill Britting responded to Route 2 for a car-deer accident. The vehicle had a punctured radiator.

Saturday, Oct. 24

(Time not available) Sgt. S.R. White took a report of a computer tower missing from a residence.

This report highlights points of interest from the Bethel Police Department log. It lists cases reported in the log of adults being arrested or issued a summons in the 10 days prior to the newspaper's publication, but does not include all reports of police activity, such as routine speeding tickets and other civil violations. To reach the Bethel Police Department, call 911 in emergency situations, 824-3437 in non-emergencies.

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The 1960 Town Report stated that two extensions were made during the year: 1) westerly on Route 2 to connect two customers and a new line was laid along the Ferry Road to connect four customers. At the end of 1960, the West Bethel Water System had 24 customers.

The Bethel Water Company, which provided water to the Town of Bethel except West Bethel Village, defined the scope of its coverage as Bethel village, Mayville and the Steam Mill.

Directors of the water company in 1959 were Eugene Van Den Kerckhoven, president; Thomas Brown, vice president; Louis Van Den Kerckhoven, treasurer. Other directors at the meetings were Herbert R. Rowe and C. Walter Tikander. Walter Tikander was superintendent. Henry Hastings and Rosalind Chapman were appointed auditors. Directors' meetings in 1959 did not record discussing a West Bethel water system.

On April 1, 1971, eleven years after the West Bethel water system had been installed, it was transferred to the Bethel Water District. The Bethel Water Company transferred its assets to the newly incorporated Bethel Water District in 1968. In 1971, the year the system was transferred to BWD, water district directors were Michael O'Donnell, James Hudson, John Trinward and Harold Carver.

Accounting details are on record in the annual Bethel Town Reports and the annual PUC filings of the Bethel Water Company and Bethel Water District. In 2008, there were 23 water customers in the West Bethel system, two on the Ferry Road.

West Bethel



by Lorrie Hoeh

We have been bemoaning the absence of birds at our feeders, other than blue jays and chipping sparrows. I'm happy to report that they seem to be returning at last. On Saturday Mike spotted, all at one time, both red- and white-breasted nuthatches, titmice, chickadees, woodpeckers, and a brown creeper. Next day he saw a white-breast-

ed nuthatch and a chickadee. Here's hoping the show continues from here on.

And speaking of last Saturday, we measured 2.65 inches of rain here at the Hoehstead. It was a gray, dismal, and very rainy day. Our Chesterville granddaughter, Louisa, was supposed to have participated in a big cross-country running meet with the Mount Blue team, but the meet was called off because of the horrible weather conditions. The tipping point may have been concern about H1N1 flu as well.

Pleasant Valley Grange met last Thursday, the fourth Thursday of the month. Pauline Applin reported on the money that was earned by preparing exhibits for both the Oxford County Fair and the Fryeburg Fair. A tidy sum was also generated when the Bethel Senior Citizens had dinner at the Grange Hall, a meal that was described as "awesome." Finally, a donation from a Grange member rounded off income for the month.

Don't forget the Outing Club's annual Ski Sale this weekend at the Bethel Inn Resort's conference center, behind Bethel Historical Society's O'Neil Robinson House. Friday evening, the 30th, from 6:30 to 9, and Saturday morning, the 31st, from 9 until noon, doors will be open for business. This is always a great opportunity to pick up some bargains in snow equipment — skis, boots, boards, outerwear, ski bindings, etc. Hope to see you there.

Once again the tamarack/hackmatack/larch trees have been turning gold in the late autumn weather. Their needles will soon be shed for the long winter sleep. "Nothing gold can stay," after all. But what beautiful splashes of color they provide against the green backdrop of their cousins, the balsams, spruce, and pines.

Speaking of splashes of color, there is a beautiful pyracantha (burning bush) shrub in front of Libby Bane's former log cabin home on the Grover Hill Road. Each time I return from the village and round the curve just before that place, I am startled to see the brilliant crimson foliage of the pyracantha. I know it's there, but it startles me nonetheless, because the color is so intense. That, too, will soon be dropping its leaves.

Mike and I walked on Crock-

Broken Bridge Pond on Sunday morning, hoping to see the new bridge we'd heard tell of. We didn't find said bridge, but we picked up several bottles and cans. Those, along with what I gathered on my usual morning route, amounted to 60 cents in returnables this week. That comes to \$4.50 since mid-July. Litterers' losses are my gains.

Hope to hear from you about your bird and animal visitors, observations of nature and the world in general, and any news you'd like to share. Reach me at dhoeh@megalink.net or 836-3011.

Gilead



by Lin Chapman

It seems nice to see the sunshine today (Sunday) after so much rain

yesterday. It was pouring last night for most of the evening. My brother, Steve McLain, reports that he has had quite a few blue jays at his house recently. We seem to have mostly sparrows.

I had a phone call from Steve in Norway while I was writing this column. He gave me some information on their new baby. Congratulations to Steve and Peachy and family. It was great to hear from Steve. Their time is five hours ahead of us.

My nephew, Major Steve McLain III, U.S. Army, and his wife, Peachy, would like to announce the arrival of a new baby boy, Evan Peter McLain, born on Oct. 14 in Stavanger, Norway and weighing 7 pounds, 5 ounces. Evan joins three siblings: a sister, Marina, age 14 and two brothers, Nathan, age 12, and Quinn, age 3. The proud grandparents are Stephen and Lise McLain of Gilead and Tracy and Sharon Darr of Greenbrier, Tenn. Steve is currently assigned to NATO's Joint Warfare Center in Stavanger, Norway where he works as a Budget Officer.

Lise McLain took her father, Gerard Dupont, to Gorham, N.H., for his doctor's appointment last week. They stopped at Mr. Pizza for lunch. (Great place to eat!)

We talked to Howard and Stevie Reiche this past week. Howard seems to be getting over his cold and feeling better.

There have been quite a few moose sighted on the North Road. Raymond Chapman said that one night his dog began to bark. When he decided to turn on the light and see what was going on, there was a bull moose and a cow moose right outside the window.

We were in Oxford Walmart the other day and ran into Freda Davis. When we came out, we saw Perry and Happy Chapman of Waterford just heading in to do some shopping. They are members of the Gilead Historical Society, so we had a chance to catch them up on what is happening with the schoolhouse.

Town Office

Just a reminder that Absentee Ballots are available from the Town Clerk either on Tuesday evening from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Town Office or by calling the clerk at home at 836-2987.

Got any news? Call 836-2987 or e-mail chapmal@hotmail.com.

East Bethel



by Nancy Mercer

Alder River Grange will have its last supper on Nov. 7 at 5 p.m. This is

the turkey supper with all the fixings. Adults will be \$7 and under 13 will be \$3. Veterans will have a free supper.

There is no other news for this week. God Bless the Troops.

Mason



by Richard Grover

About 2:30 p.m. last Friday morning I was awakened by a noise in one corner of our bedroom. Needing to go to the bathroom anyway, I got up and shuffled to the corner to get a better "read" on the noise. Noth-

ing! But, on my return from the bathroom, there it was again — a definite scratching sound coming from inside the wall. The disturbing part was that it sounded bigger than a mouse! I searched the inside walls of the bathroom linen closet next to that wall but could find no holes there. By then, Mona woke up, "What in the world are you doing?" "I'm tryin' to find out what's making the noise in this wall and how whatever it is is gettin' in there!"

Next, I got a stepladder out of the attic from behind our walk-in closet, and climbed thru the access hole to the open attic area between our bedroom ceiling and the house roof. I could find no evidence of any critters in the attic or holes in the insulation above the noisy wall. Then I put on jeans and a sweatshirt and went downstairs and checked out the pantry wall adjacent to the noisy wall. No holes were evident there either. Then I stumbled down to the basement with a flashlight and studied the underneath side of the floor below the wall with the noise. No holes here, either! So, I decided to go back to bed and hope the noise stopped. I no sooner got back into bed than the noise resumed, this time louder than before, with more scratching. Damn! I got up and went over to the wall and pounded on it to make the noise stop. My pounding had no effect; the scratching continued! Expletive deleted! There must be a chipmunk or a flying squirrel in that wall, but how did it get in there?

I got semi-dressed again, put on some slippers, got my flashlight and headed outdoors in the dark. I studied all the eaves, soffets and attic vents with the flashlight, searching for critter holes. Nothing! No holes in the garage, either!

Puzzled, I headed back to the front door on the north side of the house, away from the road. There! In the corner to the left of the entry door, the leaves had been swept away from the corner; there at the base of the wall where the cement pad that forms the front step meets the house wall was a small crack where the frost heaves had shifted the pad perhaps an inch away from the foundation wall. The siding shingles ended about an inch above the concrete pad. That must be where the offensive critter gets into the wall, but how am I going to get him out? Surely, it must come out sometimes to eat! If it is a mouse or squirrel, maybe it will eat D-Con rat and mouse poison. So I got a package of D-Con from the garage and put it next to the hole. I've got a "have-a-heart" trap somewhere in the basement. I'll put that here too. I found the trap and baited it with an almond nut from a can I found while searching for holes in the pantry. A mouse or squirrel might like nuts! With that, I went back to bed, but still I couldn't really get to sleep wondering how I was going to get the critter out of the wall and how I was going to plug the hole.

Next morning, Friday, I had an appointment to meet nephew Dan Grover at the farm, where he was going to refresh my memory on how to operate the portable sawmill there. I wanted to saw a small oak log into boards that I could use in crafty projects, like maybe building an Adirondack chair out of oak. Dan wanted to saw some knotty, crooked pine logs into boards with which to build a shed for his tiller and

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snow thrower. After a couple hours, we had made boards of all the available logs and slabs from a couple birch logs which I wanted to give to Bunker House to make birch bird houses with (which he sells to Maine Line Products, Inc). Just checking in case we got desperate for a new source of income! I got home about 11 a.m.

Andover



by Melinda Averill

Hello Andover friends, There were no deer tagged on

Saturday, Youth Day. And what a lousy day it was, rain, rain, rain. I don't believe that many kids even went out. My daughter, Kelsey did — with her dad, and they made a day of it, but no deer. Two days before they were out bird hunting and they saw a fox. Kelsey shot at it but missed. Thank goodness, just what I need a stuffed fox! That was her plan I think.

I would like to extend my sympathy to Susan Merrow and Kevin Scott, for the loss of her grandmother last week.

There will be a craft fair and bake sale this Saturday, Oct. 31, at Rumford Elementary School. It goes from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and refreshments and a lunch will be available.

There will be a Hunters' supper at the First Congregational Church C.E.B. on

Tuesday, Nov. 3. The menu consists of baked beans, casseroles, salads, biscuits, and apple crisp w/ice cream for dessert. The cost is \$7 for adults, \$3 for children under 12 and age five and under free. The supper starts at 5:30.

There will be a rabies clinic on Nov. 7 at the Andover Fire Department, from 2 to 4 p.m. The cost is \$14, cash only.

Absentee ballots are available at the Town Office for next week's state vote. Voting takes place on Tuesday, Nov. 3 at the Town Hall, from 10 a.m. until 8 p.m.

Lots of folks from Andover attended the retirement party for Rick Mills out at the Grand Summit Hotel in Newry on Friday evening. I must say it was a very nice evening. The meal was delicious; the speakers were wonderful; we went from laughter to tears, laughter to tears again with all of the great stories from his friends and wardens. Nice job to his wife, Charlie, for putting it together!

Kayla Mills flew home from Montana for the weekend to surprise her father at the party.

A happy birthday to Julie Gribbon on Sunday, Nov. 1.

Congratulations to Telstar field hockey coach Gail Wight on being named Coach of the Year. There are many of us Telstar alumni in Andover who have had Gail as a field hockey coach, a classmate at Telstar or a plain old friend! The school district is quite lucky to have her. Nice job!

Speedy recovery wishes to East Andover resident Irving Smith, who is a patient at Maine Medical Center in

Portland, where he had heart surgery a few weeks ago. Last week, Freeman and Norma Farrington went down to visit him and also brought Irving's sister, Jeanette, with them. Hopefully he will be able to do his rehab at Ledgeview in West Paris and it will be easier for Jeanette to go.

Norma and Freeman were also on the road this past weekend visiting with their granddaughter Mandy and her husband Jeffrey Mayer. While there, they celebrated both Norma and Betty's birthdays.

Enjoy the weekend.

Upton



by Laurie Brown

Breakfasts will be served at the Ladies Aid building on Sunday mornings

from 8 to 11. The menu will include bottomless cups of coffee and muffins and breakfast sandwiches served at reasonable prices. Members of the club will take turns cooking and serving. Nov. 14 is opening day!

The planning board will be meeting tomorrow (Friday) at 6:30 p.m. at the town office.

When I was riding through Grafton with Joe (my brother) we were talking about where the old road went, where the farms might have been, when Route 26 was re-built and such. The cover of the 1968 Town Report pictures Nelson Douglass working on the ear-

ly stages of the road construction project, which replaced the narrow, winding road with ample humps and dips. The book stated that the first construction took place in 1950. About 1957, further construction and road changes took place. I remember visiting my grandfather who lived in one of several "shacks" built for people who were re-building the road. There are still slight signs throughout Grafton, which give indications to where the road used to be. Until about 1900, the road crisscrossed the Bear River several times and connected into Back Street and was the main drag into Upton.

Nov. 14, beginning at 4:30 the Ladies Aid will be serving hunters' breakfast. It'll be \$5 for adults and \$3 for kids under 12. Delicious food!

A bunch of us were helping Lou (my brother) and Ellen of North Waterford split their winter wood and throw it in the cellar.

I was sipping from my travel mug. Cody, my great-nephew asked me what I was drinking. "Coffee," I said. Cody gave me one of those "you're weird" looks that kids are so good at, and said, "Gram's got some homemade coffee in the house." Kids! Don't you just love them?

Sorry all you snowbirds waiting to ride your snowmobiles, but the weather is gorgeous — at least today. I'm enjoying the sunshine, warmth and non-white ground.

Have a wonderful week....

Selah

East Andover



by Joan Stinson-Carney

Let me tell you about Andover resident Leon

Lewis and his very lucky last few weeks. He won first place in the Shuffleboard Competition at the Fryeburg Fair. It only took him six hours, with a half hour off for lunch, to win the trophy and the bragging rights. Then he went moose hunting in Zone 3 at Eagle Lake near Ft. Kent and got a 650-pound moose. Congrats Leon, good job; can I borrow some luck?

The Andover Food Pantry is back to its winter hours. They are open every Tuesday morning from 9 to 11. I want to thank the volunteers for the great lunch last week, everything was delicious. We were also given the chance to listen to some really good live music during lunch.

I found out something that I didn't know before while I was at the lunch. Every Thursday Western Maine Transport sends a bus to Andover to take people who need to go to Rumford. I thought that you had to be a Senior Citizen in order to ride on the bus, but you don't. It's available to everybody. The trip costs \$2 per person, and they will drop you off wherever you need to go in Rumford/Mexico. Wal-Mart, Hannaford, a doctor's appointment, whatever. Only one Andover resident is using this service at this time, and I think it's a shame that more people don't.

Just think of the money you would save on gas. I hate to drive in the snow so I think this winter I'll use it. The Senior Citizens Center on Congress Street in Rumford also serves lunch on Thursdays, cost \$3. The Thursday before Thanksgiving they will be having a Thanksgiving lunch. If you want more information about this service you can call (800) 393-9335 or 784-9335 in Auburn. Let's face it times are tough and if you need help with food or with getting to Rumford, swallow your pride and accept some help.

The Andover Food Pantry is also accepting donations — food, money, or help operating the pantry. They got some really cute stuffed animals last week to use at Christmas.

Who knew that Sharon Hutchins was a T.V. Star? Last week Channel 6 did a piece on her and her excellent work. Congrats Sharon, you are great!

Answer to last week's question — Mary's father's fifth daughter's name is, of course, Mary.

See 'ya.

Locke Mills

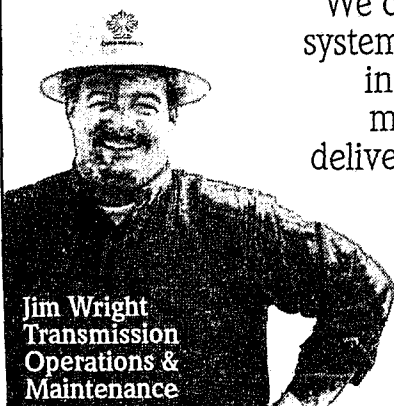


by Lorraine Larson

Here it is, Tuesday, Oct. 20, as I write this.

It does not seem that it could be a week already since Gerry Shimamura and I took my daughter,

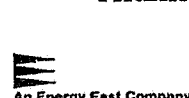
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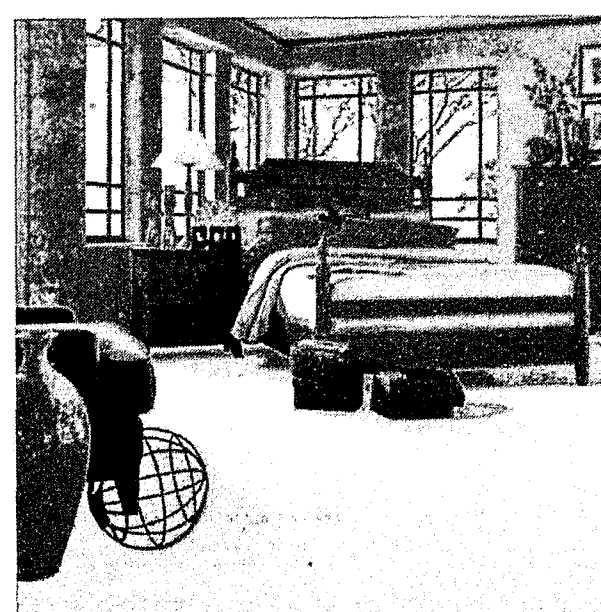


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Marcia Smith, to the Samoset Resort in Rockland to meet her husband, Jon, where he planned to attend a seminar for a couple days. It had been a rather different visit than in previous years.

Debbie Brown and I had picked her up in Lewiston on Monday, two weeks before, for her annual visit. We went to church Wednesday and Sunday, and then on Tuesday I came down with a miserable respiratory illness. I had quite a high fever and was given a prescription for an antibiotic and told to go to the hospital to get an X-ray to make sure I didn't have pneumonia. So Ralph makes a trip with me to the hospital. No pneumonia. I could have told them that since my illnesses have a tendency to infect my tonsils and sinuses, but they have to make sure.

Two days later Ralph is back to the hospital with Marcia where she was diagnosed with diverticulitis. So she is put on antibiotics and a strict diet. This is not turning out to be quite the visit we had intended. She had thought to go back on the bus but since Jon was going to be in Rockland Gerry suggested meeting him there, which would save her not only a bus trip up but a trip down again with him and then another trip home.

At least she got a chance to rest up at the Samoset and, if one has seen the Samoset, it is a very nice place to rest up indeed! The only problem she had was trying to find food that was on her diet.

Anyhow it was good to see her but we sure didn't get the things done we had planned. Of course, after all that Ralph came down with what I had and is sicker with it than I was. He always gets sicknesses hard. For one thing, he has allergies so respiratory illnesses magnify the cough and stuffiness. He also was sent to the hospital for X-rays but hasn't heard the results that I know of. So far Marcia has escaped it but she says Jon has some bug now so she figures she will really be lucky if she doesn't get it. There is so much illness right now and winter hasn't even started yet even if they did have snow this past week in "the county."

It is now Thursday and I did make church last night but we were missing a lot of people and had a long prayer list. Crystal Lake is in Texas so she wasn't there. Paula Kazarosian is trying to do "The Maker's Diet" but all the books haven't come and so it has been a little difficult to get everyone on the same page, so to speak. I think it will be quite interesting once everyone gets going on it. We did get to do some mild exercises but I had

a bit of difficulty getting my left arm up. I think I may have bursitis in my left shoulder for the umpteenth time but it is hard to distinguish what ache and pain is coming from where; I just know that I sure have a lot of them at the present moment.

With my being out of commission and "in communicado" so to speak, I really don't know too much about what is going on in the community. In fact you probably know more than I do. I do know that I saw Jackie Crockett Szczeny in the store in Bethel this past week. She and Marcia just missed each other. Marcia mentioned how she missed Jackie when she came to visit, as they used to get together when Jackie lived around here. Now Jackie lives about half way from here to Marcia's so even though she lives nearer Marcia it is harder for them to get to see each other. I assume Jackie was down to visit her family and attend Grace's benefit supper. It can be tricky to assume too much but I will go out on a limb on this one.

Debbie Brown took me to church and was telling me that her dog, Brutus, has taken quite a liking for television lately and gets very upset when they shut it off. So far Chloe has not shown much interest in the television even when there have been other animals on, but then Debbie's set is quite a bit bigger than mine so maybe the figures on mine just are not big enough for the dog to distinguish what they are. In any case I am not buying a bigger set, so Chloe is out of luck on that one.

Greenwood City

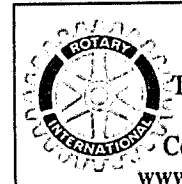


by Wayne Hakala

The house is sporting a nice new roof tonight. This

old house will be tight and dry for many more years. This is a great deal of praise to those who built the house and the crew today.

Post 68 and Unit 68 will have a potluck supper prior to the Nov. 5 meeting. It will be at 6 p.m. or there about. We sure had some wicked good eating at the last supper and expect we will continue to have many more. And it's a good time to just get together. I sure had a good time at the last one. Then



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we will have our monthly meeting. We will be discussing the Veterans Day Service, plus a project that Sally Smith talked to me about. I believe it will be a very doable project.

Post 68 and Unit 68 will observe Veterans Day with a service and Flag retirement ceremony. We will start at 9 a.m. on the 11th. Refreshments will follow. The public is welcomed and encouraged to attend.

Bryant Pond



by Alice Hoyt

Services at the Baptist Church are Sunday school at

9:15, morning services at 10:30, evening service at 6 p.m. Wednesday evening at 5:30 is youth group, then prayer meeting at 6:30. Oct. 31 is Ladies Bible Study at 9 a.m.

The Woodstock-Greenwood Senior Citizens will meet on Thursday, Nov. 5 at the Locke Mills Church for meeting with dinner by the Ladies Circle. Program: bring some hobby, craft or collection you have or do to tell about. New members always welcome.

Franklin Grange 124 presented a dictionary to each third-grader in Woodstock and Andover schools. Laura Hutchins presented the ones in Andover and at Woodstock Laura, Richard Feit and Bertha DeHaas were present. Franklin Grange met on Monday evening; next meeting is Nov. 2. On Saturday, Nov. 7 Franklin Grange will put on a Mock Hee Haw Show at the hall at 7 p.m. Lots of music. The show is for the public. All welcome. Donation goes to help the Grange. Come support them.

Sympathy to the family of Steve McInnis.

Thanks for all the cards and prayers I have received while laid up. I am going to buy a bag of onions. I'm told if you

put one in a dish in each room unpeeled, it will keep the flu away — maybe it works for pneumonia as well. Says it absorbs the flu virus. Cheaper than medicine anyways and worth a try.

Clara Whitman was guest of honor at a 90th family birthday party on Sunday afternoon at the fire station. Clara said what pleased her most was all her living nephews and nieces were there. An enjoyable time was had.

Susan Jennings of the Extension Education 4-H Camp and Learning Center on the Lake will be guest speaker at the Whitman Memorial Library in Bryant Pond on Thursday, Nov. 12 at 2 p.m. with slide show informational on programs they offer. All welcome, no charge and light refreshments.

On Saturday, Oct. 17, a reception was held for Michelle Cary of Bryant Pond. She is the new president of the Department of Maine, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War 1861-1865. Among those attending were Department officers, Tent members, family and friends. Congressman Michael Michaud was also among the guest attending.

Historical Society

At the October meeting of the Historical Society a DVD was shown on Hattie Kneeland, missionary to Peru. She works with the Meetes translating the Bible into their language. She showed the families and churches she serves, and she asked people to pray for the translating and her part in the process. Next month the program will be on Disney World. It is the society's actual 30th birthday.

The society museum preserves our rich heritage. It depicts the past beautifully. Everyone enjoys its great exhibits. They have posters on one wall of events in the Old Opera House. That must have been very impressive years ago on the corner in Bryant Pond. The clothespin

sign in the parking lot used to be on Mann's Mill. They have local memorabilia, art, and antiques. It is a fine facility. Curator Larry Billings says there is still a lot he wants to do for the museum and the society as well, but he is also very pleased with all that has been accomplished in the past 30 years. He thanks the members for their contributions and hopes the next 30 years will see even more constructive developments.

Newry



by Sylvia Harrington

On Friday, the 23rd, Danny Tieger, who spends the summer at

Rangleey Lake each year, drove to Pat's Pizza where Mark and I met him for a great lunch. Usually Danny and I meet in Errol each summer and drive up to the Balsams for lunch as well as to enjoy that area. It just didn't work out this year, so he drove here. After eating we came over to my apartment, which he liked very much. Next Saturday Danny heads home to New York City. He drives to his cousin's home in Jaffrey, N.H. This he has been doing for many years. We have known each other since I was a teenager babysitting for his next-door neighbors at that time in our lives.

It's been a very busy week getting a place ready to live in on Main Street in Bethel. My son, Mark, has been helping. On Saturday he helped put up pictures, some taken many

years ago when he was out West. Even the cat seems to like living on one floor as well as I do.

The Bear River Trading Post is still continuing to sell hunting scents and lures. Hunting for deer starts Nov. 2. Chili is now available at the Trading Post. Cameo fleece and warm gloves are still available to keep you warm on these chilly mornings. Give them a call at 824-2327 if you have questions.

On Sunday, the 25th, Eden Bartholomew had a baby shower at her mother and father's home. There were about 50 people attending. There was lots of delicious food during the afternoon shower. Eden will be moving to South Paris Hill to live soon.

Today, Paul Kelly and Louise Jonaitis met Mark and me at Pat's Pizza. After a wonderful lunch, Louise and Paul drove over to see where I am living, and liked it very much, before heading back to Howard Pond to be with Bob Brown for the day.

On Saturday at the Bear River Grange a get-together was held for Gilbert Seeley's family. It would have been her 108th birthday. She passed away on the 7th of July. Gilbert's family brought pictures to show the Newry people where she was buried in Rhode Island alongside her husband, who lived here as well many years ago.

The Windy Valleys Snowmobile Club will meet on Sunday, Nov. 1, at the Town Office at 7 p.m. Call Leon Dunn (824-3335) or Ed Powers (739-9618). Join up with other members for these meetings. Snow will be falling soon.

Change of Meeting Dates

Due to the State Referendum Election being held on Tuesday, November 3, 2009, the Woodstock Planning Board will be holding their meeting on Tuesday, November 10 at 6:00 PM. Patriot Renewables, LLC will be submitting their Spruce Mountain Wind Project Site Plan Review Application at this meeting.

The Woodstock Board of Selectmen will meet next on Tuesday November 10, 2009 at 5:00 PM, instead of on Tuesday November 3, 2009 due to the Referendum Election.

Woodstock Planning Board

Notice of Public Hearing

The Woodstock Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, November 17, 2009 at 7:00 PM to take comments and provide information on a proposal by Patriot Renewables, LLC for their Spruce Mountain Wind Project.

A copy of the application is on file at the Woodstock Town Office for public inspection.

The hearing will be held at the Woodstock Town Office Conference Room.

Woodstock Planning Board

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Events Calendar

9:15 a.m. (Fridays) - Oxford Hills Duplicate Bridge at Fare Share Food Coop, 443 Main Street, Norway. For more information, call Les Buzzell at 783-4153 or 754-9153; or e-mail: buzz116@myfairpoint.net.

6:30 p.m. Mondays - Hillsmen Barbershop Chorus rehearses at Catholic Church, Norway, New singers welcome. FMI: call Dr. Tere Porter 743-0656 evenings or Pat Fleck at 647-5005.

Every Wednesday, 7 to 9 p.m. The Yet To be Named Banjo Club practices Fare Share Market, 477 Main Street, Norway. Interested banjoists invited to join. Public welcome. FMI: call Alan Hamilton at 875-2680.

First and Third Wednesdays 9 to 12 a.m. - Veterans' Advocate will be at Maine Veterans' Home, South Paris on Sept. 2.

Wednesdays 6 to 7:30 p.m. - People in recovery from alcohol/drug addiction may need to move to a Next Step group. Open to everyone who feels they may benefit from a change. FMI: call Laurence Austin at 824-4077 (all calls confidential).

Wednesday nights - TOPS, take off pounds sensibly, at Bethel Alliance Church from 5:30 to 6 p.m. (weigh in) and meeting from 6 to 6:30 p.m. All welcome. FMI: call 824-3288.

Wednesdays 10 to 11 a.m. - T'ai Chi at Ellie's Express and 5 to 6 p.m. at Bethel Family Health Center. Taught by Betsey Foster, MPH. To register, contact Betsey at 875-2426 or BSF@megalink.net.

Thursdays 1 to 3 p.m. - Cross Country Quilters of Pine Tree Quilt Guild of Maine meet at Moses Mason House Barn, corner of Broad and Mason streets, Bethel. All quilters welcome. No dues, no rules, just fun. FMI: e-mail Pat McCartney at p_quilts@yahoo.com or call Kathy Thrall at 824-3111.

Thursdays, 1:30 to 3 p.m. - Cancer Wellness Support Group support and education for cancer patients, survivors, caregivers at Rumford Hospital, Room 357 (2nd floor). Call (877) 336-7287 (toll free) to confirm during stormy weather.

Second Saturday of month, 6 p.m. - Woodstock Historical Society meeting at the Museum.

7 p.m. - Bethel Snow Twisters, 208 Walkers Mills Road, meetings First Sunday, thru April.

At Harvest Gold Gallery

Harvest Gold Gallery, Route 5, Center Lovell, Maine, presents Carol Novotne's post-impressionistic paintings of nature. Also, Varvara's work. Open daily. FMI: call 925-6502 or visit www.harvestgoldgallery.com.

Thursday, Oct. 29

5:30 to 7 p.m. - "Prevention of Osteoporosis" by Dr. Daniel Spratt, endocrinologist from Maine Center for Reproductive Health, Portland, at West Parish Congregational Church, sponsored by Western Maine Senior College To Your Health committee.

Friday, Oct. 30

1:30 to 4:30 p.m. - White Mountain National Forest Open House at the new Forest Headquarters, Campton, N.H. All invited.

6:30 p.m. - Norway Open Mic Night Halloween Bash, First

It's always wise to call ahead

Listings in The Citizen's weekly Community Calendar are compiled from a wide variety of sources. While we do our utmost to ensure the reliability of the information presented here, we recognize that when dealing with such a large volume of material, some inaccuracies will occasionally creep in. And in other cases, a sponsoring organization's plans may change between the time The Citizen is printed and the event is held.

Accordingly, we strongly urge our readers to call ahead to verify the details of any event they plan to attend. Doing so will greatly reduce the chance of disappointment or needless inconvenience.

Universalist Church, 479 Main Street, Norway. Sign-up 6:30 p.m. and open mic about 7 p.m. \$3 donation at door. Family-friendly costume party; tricks and treats, prizes, readings. FMI: 935-4505 or e-mail vesselrecordings@yahoo.com.

Friday and Saturday, Oct. 30 and 31

29th Annual Bethel Outing Club (BOC) Ski Sale at Bethel Inn Resort's conference center, 10 Broad Street, behind the Bethel Historical Society's O'Neil Robinson House. Sell and buy snow sports gear Oct. 30 from 6 to 9 p.m. and Oct. 31 from 9 a.m. to noon.

6 to 9 p.m. - Haunted House and Torture Chamber (\$3) at corner of Route 26 and Rumford Avenue, Bryant Pond. Hayrides. Benefit Woodstock Elementary fifth-grade Boston trip.

7:30 p.m. - At Oddfellow Theater, Buckfield: Dickie Hyper-Hynie "killer" Halloween variety show. Halloween matinee show at 2:30 p.m. Tickets: \$12 adults, \$10 seniors, \$6 children 12 and under. FMI: call Jackie at box office (336-3306 or visit www.oddfellow.com).

Saturdays and Sundays thru Nov. 15

11 a.m. to 3 p.m. - Wreath Sale by Fifth-graders at Hannaford store (IGA). Proceeds for fifth-graders' overnight field trip to Boston. If unable to be at store, please contact Crescent Park School or e-mail hanscoma@megalink.net for order form.

Saturday, Oct. 31

9 a.m. - Work Day at Bethel Pathway Extension, Mayville. (postponed one week due to weather). Fencing behind Norseman Inn. Call Jeff Parsons (824-4224), foreman, to get details and to sign up. Dress warmly, bring gloves and food to be barbecued after at Bethel Outdoor Adventure. Well-supervised children welcome and useful.

9 a.m. to 2 p.m. - Craft Fair at Rumford Elementary School, Lincoln Avenue. Sponsored by Parent/Teacher Organization. Open to public.

11 a.m. to 2 p.m. - Opening Celebration at new Bethel Skate Park. Ribbon cutting at noon, BBQ, ski ticket raffle, skate competition, and prize for best costume. Raffle of old ramps begins. Rain date Nov. 1.

Noon to 5 p.m. - Halloween Scavenger Hunt begins at Bethel Chamber of Commerce for Halloween bag pickups with list of clues and businesses to visit. FMI: call 824-2282.

5:30 to 6:30 p.m. - "Trick-or-Trunk" safely trick or treat in Bethel Alliance Church parking lot (across from Telstar parking lot). Then go inside at 6:30 for "The True History of Dinosaurs" with 15 carnival games and candy. FMI: 824-2289.

5:30 to 6:30 p.m. - Public Lunch Halloween Night at American Legion Hall, Church Street, South Paris. Adults \$3. From 7 to 10 p.m. the Jones Band will play for a Country Dance. Adults \$5.

Monday, Nov. 2

6:30 to 8:30 p.m. - Socrates Café at Waterford Library. Theme: "What Is Worth Sacrificing For, And Why?" FMI: 583-6947 or e-mail wla@Waterford.lib.me.us.

Monday, Nov. 2 and 16

10 a.m. - Essentials of College Planning, free workshops at South Paris Career Center, 232 Main Street, South Paris. FMI or to register: call (800) 281-3703 or visit <http://meoc.maine.edu>.

Tuesday, Nov. 3

5:30 p.m. - Hunter's/Election Day Supper at Andover Congregational Church, UCC, Elm Street. Menu: casseroles, baked beans, salads and apple crisp/ice cream.

Church Services

ALBANY

Congregational Church - Hunts Corner, 930a.m. Sunday worship and Sunday School at 9 a.m.; Pastor Eddie Gammon. Bible Study 6:30 Thursdays at the home of Fernand Corriveau.

ANDOVER

First Congregational Church - Rev. Jane Rich, Sunday morning worship 10 to 11 a.m. followed by brunch. All welcome. FMI - 392-3761. Calvary Bible Church - Pastor Ken Wagstaff, Sunday School 9:30 - 10:30; Morning worship 10:45 - noon. Wednesday prayer meeting, 6:30 p.m. Rt. 5, South Andover. 392-1121.

BETHEL

Bethel Alliance Church - Rev. Kevin Bellinger, Pastor; Jim Rose, Youth Pastor. Sundays: Sunday school for adults and children at 9 a.m.; Worship Service at 10 a.m.; Kids Klub (4 yrs.-5th grade) and High School Youth Group (9th-12th grade) at 5:30 p.m. Thursdays: Middle School Youth Group (6th-8th grade) at 5 p.m. For more information, call 824-2288.

Church of the Nazarene - Pastor Chuck Mason, 9:30 a.m. Sunday School, 10:30 a.m. morning worship. Wednesday evening service in different locations. Call for info. 824-4028 (voice mail) or 824-7289 FMI.

Episcopal House Church - Third Sunday of the month, 4 p.m. For details: 824-3332.

West Parish Congregational - Rev. Virginia Rickman, 10 a.m. worship, child care available. Prayer, Tuesday, 8 a.m. FMI call 824-4550.

Our Lady of the Snows - Saturday mass at 6 p.m. Rev. Angelo Leveseur. 364-4556.

United Methodist - Geoffrey Gross, Pastor. 10:30 a.m. Sunday worship. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.

West Bethel Union - Morning worship and 9 a.m. Sunday School. For information, call 836-3533 or 836-2882. Rev. John Williams.

Pleasant Valley Bible - P/Pleasant Valley Bible Church - Rev. Aaron McNally, Pastor. Sunday Services: Sunday School, 9 a.m.; Worship Service, 10 a.m.; Ladies Bible Study Tuesday, 2:30 pm; Small group study, Tuesday 7pm at 62 Mt. View Circle, West Bethel. Awana Clubs Sunday evening 5-7pm. FMI call 836-3006 or 824-2037.

Church of Christ - at home of Keith Hamel, minister, 507 Walker's Mills Road (Route 26), Bethel. Sunday: Bible class, 9 a.m.; Worship Service 10 a.m. Wednesday: Bible study, 7 p.m. 824-3577 FMI.

Seventh Day Adventist Fellowship: Meets at the Nazarene Church on Saturdays, on Church Street in Bethel. For more info, call 824-8939.

EAST STONEHAM

Oxford County United Parish Churches in Stoneham and North Waterford - Services at 10 a.m. at the North Waterford Congregational Church (UCC), located on the Five Kezars Road, off Routes 35 & 37, opposite Melby's Market. Services held at North Waterford through the winter months. Choir practice 9am, followed by Bible Study at 9:15am.

GORHAM, NH

Assembly of God - Pastor Paul Levigen. Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Sunday service 10:30 a.m., Sunday evening service 7 p.m., Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m. FMI 603-466-2851. Gorham Congregational Church - Interim minister Rev. Kent Schneider. Sunday morning worship and church school at 10:30am. Communion is celebrated the first Sunday of each month. FMI 603-466-2136.

LOCKE MILLS

Locke Mills Union - Pastor Sondra With-ey, Sunday morning service will begin at 9 a.m. Bible study at the church is every Tuesday at 6:30 pm. Everyone is welcome.

MEXICO

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints - 265 Main Street. Worship Service Sundays at 10am. Pres. Peter Beekel. 364-5881.

NEWRY

Sunday River Christian Ministry - with Rev. Don Coverdale. I Special services: Fall Festival weekend - (Oct. 11) on the deck of North Peak Lodge; New Time Alert: 9:00 am; and the special annual Christmas Eve Candle-light service (Dec. 24) by the upstairs fireplace in Barker Mtn. Lodge; 7:30 pm. Regular services start the following Sunday (Dec. 27). For more information: 824-5896 (recording).

NORWAY/PARIS

First Church of Christ, Scientist - Sunday service 10 a.m., Wed. Testimony service 7:30 p.m. 5 Morrill Rd/Rt. 119 (corner to Norway Country Club), Norway. Call 824-4099 FMI or ride.

Trinity Lutheran Church - Route 117, S. Paris. Pastors Kim Marie and Tom Myhre. Sunday School at 9am; Sunday morning service 10:15 a.m. with coffee, refreshments and good fellowship. Bible Study, Wednesdays 7 p.m.

North Paris Federation - Morse Hill Road, North Paris. Sunday Service 8 a.m. Pastor Bruce Tyner. 674-2968. Singspiration third Sunday each month alternating with West Paris Baptist Church at 7 p.m.

Oxford Hills Friends (Quakers) - Sunday worship 9:30 a.m. at HOPE Ripley Center, High Street, S. Paris across the park from the Post Office. Call Ursula Brandon at 665-2880 or Sue Reilly at 966-2012 for more information.

Christ Episcopal Church - 35 Paris St., Sunday Services 9 a.m., June-Aug.; Sunday School at 10 a.m. Informal worship at 5 p.m. Sundays. Healing service with communion 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday. Rev. Anne Stanley. Call 743-8782 for more information.

First Baptist Church of Paris - On the Common at the top of Paris Hill. 10:30 am worship service. Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. Coffee hour follows the service. Fellowship lunch held the first Sunday of each month following worship. Pastor Ron Blake.

St. Catherine's - Saturday 6 p.m. Vigile Mass; Sunday 8:30 a.m. Mass.

Wednesday, Nov. 4

4 to 7:30 p.m. - US Air Force Liberty Jazz Band performs at Rumford's Municipal Auditorium, 145 Congress Street. Doors open 6 p.m. Handicap access to elevator from River Street entrance. Sponsored by Rumford Performing Arts Committee. Admission is free. FMI: 364-2983.

Wednesdays, Nov. 4 and 11

6:30 to 8 p.m. - Ball Room Dance Class (waltz, fox trot, polka, jitter-bug, tango, rhumba, cha-cha) at Woodstock Fire Station, Bryant Pond. Cost: \$25 person. Proceeds go to Food Bank. Sponsored by Jefferson OES and taught by Nancy Willard.

Thursday, Nov. 5

4:30 to 6 p.m. - Maine Handicapped Skiing presentation by Eric Topper of Outreach at MHS, who will explain the MHS program at Bethel Congregational Church, downstairs hall, Church Street, Bethel. Sponsored by Western Mountains Senior College as part of Down Home Maine series. Admission free and light refreshments served.

Friday, Nov. 6

7 p.m. - Mahoosuc Land Trust presents "History of the Mahoosucs" by Randy Bennett, curator, Bethel Historical Society, as part of the Local Knowledge 2009-10 program. Location: Trustees Auditorium at McLaughlin Science Building, Gould Academy.

Saturday, Nov. 7

5 to 9 a.m. - Hunters' Breakfast at Bog Brook Training Facility, Gilead. All welcome. Menu: pancakes, eggs, bacon, sausage, toast corn beef hash, home fries, coffee. Cost: \$5. FMI: call Alicia (836-2153) or e-mail aliciammclean@gmail.com.

9 a.m. to 2 p.m. - Craft Fair at Maine Veterans' Home, 477 High Street, South Paris. Refreshment counter.

1 to 3 p.m. - Christmas Sale at West Bethel Union Church. Crafts, cookie walk and food.

2 to 4 p.m. - Rabies Clinic at Andover Fire Department. Cost: \$14, cash only.

5 p.m. - Public Supper at Alder River Grange, East Bethel. This turkey supper free to any veteran. Cost: \$7 adults and \$3 for under 13.

5 p.m. - Public Supper at Blazing Star Lodge, Route 232, Rumford Corner. Adults \$8, under 12 \$4.

Menu: Pork, masked potato, green beans, coleslaw, stuffing, applesauce, read, coffee, punch, pie. Takeouts available. Stair chair on back stairs. FMI: call Joe Roy at 364-4715 or e-mail concordpond@roadrunner.com.

Mock Hee Haw Show at Franklin Grange 124, Bryant Pond.

6:30 to 8:30 p.m. - Oxford County Republicans, along with Murder For Hire, are sponsoring a murder mystery play and dinner, "Politics Can Be Murder," at Oxford Rec Center, Oxford. Cost: \$50 includes dinner and audience participation play. For reservations or more information, contact Lynn Hamper at 539-4586.

Saturdays, Nov. 7 and 14

7 to 10 p.m. - Jones Dance Band plays old-fashioned dance music at South Paris Legion Hall, Church Street. Adults: \$5. Lunch counter open. FMI: call Marilyn Ramsay at 743-5723.

Wednesday, Nov. 11

11 a.m. - Bethel Senior Citizens Club meeting/dinner (chicken) at Cross Stone Restaurant, Woodstock (next to Mollycokett Motel). Cost: \$8. Program: Wayne Howe on Alaska.

Support Services

ABUSED WOMEN'S ADVOCACY PROJECT

AWAP serves all of Oxford County and provides emergency shelter, court advocacy and support groups with child care. Rumford office 369-0750; Norway office 743-5086; 24 hour hotline 1-800-559-2927

AA MEETINGS

Bethel Freedom Group's Open Discussion Meeting. Saturdays at 4:30 in the Snow Cap Inn conference room, next to the fitness room. Sunday River. Seasonal, Thanksgiving through April 1.

Bethel Freedom Group's Big Book Meeting. Sundays at 6pm at the United Methodist Church, Main Street.

Bethel Freedom Group's 12 Step/Traditions Meeting. Tuesdays at 6pm at the United Methodist Church, Main Street.

Bethel Freedom Group's Open Discussion Meeting. Fridays at 6pm at Bethel United Methodist Church, Main Street.

ADDICTION HELP

Narconon, a nonprofit public benefit organization that specializes in helping people with drug or alcohol addictions offers FREE assessments and more than 11,000 local referrals through the 800 line. Drug addiction can be overcome and Narconon can help. Call (800) 556-8885 or visit www.drugrehab.net.

CANCER WELLNESS

Support and Education for cancer patients, survivors and caregivers. Every Thursday, 1:30-3:00pm. Rumford Hospital, Room 357. (877) 336-7287. Call to confirm during stormy weather.

EXCHANGES

District Exchange Community Thrift Shop accepts donations of in-season clothing in clean, wearable condition only. Drop-off hours and shopping: Monday 1-4pm, Thursday 4-6pm and Saturday, 10am-12pm.

The Woodstock Seventh Day Adventist Church Community Service Center offers assistance to individuals or families with food needs in the South Woodstock, Bryant Pond, West Paris and Sumner areas are invited to call 674-2566, 674-2663, or 665-2226 to learn more details.

Library Hours

Andover Library: Tuesday, Wednesday, and Saturday 1-4:30 pm; Thursday 1-4:30 & 6-8 pm. Tel: 392-4841

Bethel Library: Monday 9-1; Tuesday 1-5; Wednesday 1-8; Thursday & Friday 1-5 Saturday, 9-1. Story Hour Mondays, 10-11 am October to May. Michelle Conroy, Librarian. Tel: 824-2520.

Hamlin Memorial Library, Paris Hill: Tuesday-Friday 11:30-5:30; Saturday 10-2; Wednesday evening, 7-9 pm. Tel. 743-2980

Whitman Memorial Library, Bryant Pond: Tel: 665-2505. Tuesday 1:30-5; Thursday 1:30-7.

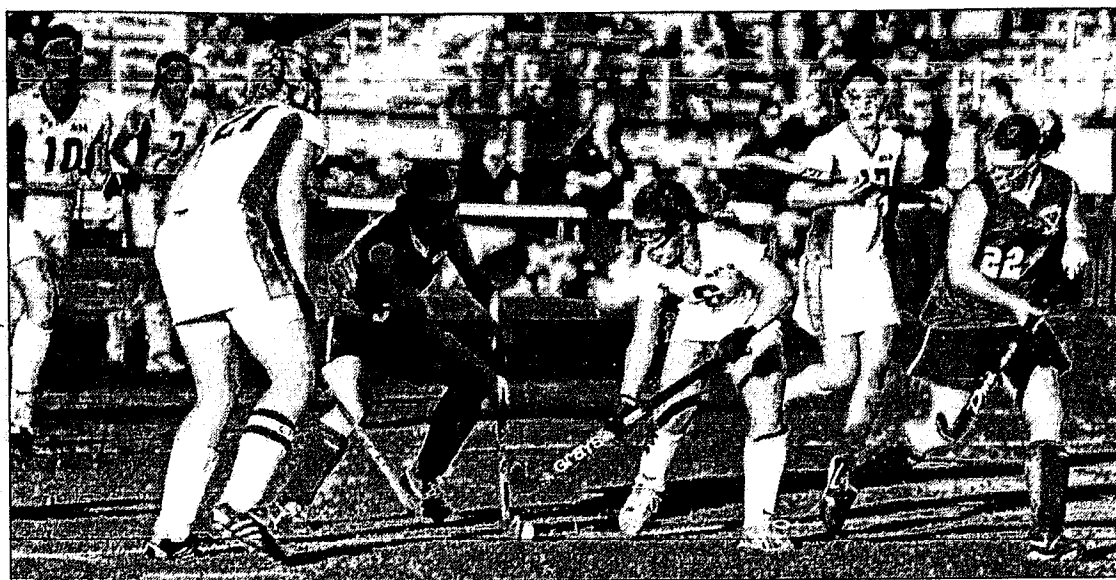
West Paris Library, West Paris: Monday 1:30-6; Wednesday 1:30-7; Friday 1:30-6; Saturday 10-2. Patty Makley, Librarian. Tel: 674-2004

Gardner Roberts Memorial Library, Hanover: Wednesday, 9-3; Thursday, 5-8; Saturday, 9-noon.

Upton Library: Tuesday 1-4 (Storyhour 1-2); Saturday 9-Noon.

Items for the Community Calendar may be brought to The Bethel Citizen Office. E-mail: news@bethelcitizen.com or fax 824-2426 • Deadline is Monday at Noon

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STILL A SEASON TO CELEBRATE
The Telstar High School Field Hockey Team fell 2-1 Monday to North Yarmouth Academy in the Western Class C Championship at Scarborough High School. Right, the Rebels celebrate their lone goal, scored by Kayla Merrill on an assist by Amanda Wiley in the second half. Left, Katie Sumner moves the ball among NYA players. At right is Wiley. (Photos: A. Aloisio)



OCT

Sports

High School Boys' J.V. Soccer

Gould - 5 Hyde - 0; Oct. 21—The JVA offense was firing on all cylinders in their first MAISAD win of the season against Hyde. The Huskies started the game a bit slow, with both teams going back and forth for the first fifteen minutes of the game. Owen Kim broke the deadlock twenty minutes in, putting Gould up by one. The score remained the same until the half despite a number of strong Gould chances. Gould came out ready to play in the second half, with Owen Kim adding another tally in the first minute of play. Connor McCarthy made it 3-0 with a nice header into the lower corner. Shuo Yuan Bai assisted on the play, serving a nice ball from the left flank. Doug Gardner added another goal fifteen minutes into the half when he crashed the net following a Shea McCarthy freekick, heading home the rebound. Connor McCarthy rounded out the scoring in the thirtieth minute on a chip into the side netting. Yoon Kang was quick on his line throughout the game to preserve the shutout in goal. Yuta Kito had a very strong game from the left back position.— from Gould sports reports

High School Golf

MAISAD Championship; Oct. 21—Gould Academy golf team played in the 18-hole stroke play MAISAD Championship on Wednesday the 21st and finished as co-champs with Hebron Academy. Pete Brandes was the medalist for Gould shooting a 77 and Eric Eramo was one off Brandes' with a 78. Brandes and Eramo finished 2nd and 3rd respectively helping secure a tie for the championship. AJ Keith and Tommy Voigt also had good rounds for the Huskies.

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The Main Event!

Business Halloween Scavenger Hunt

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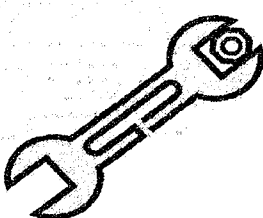
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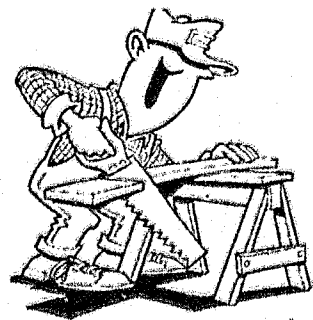
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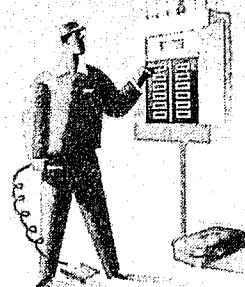
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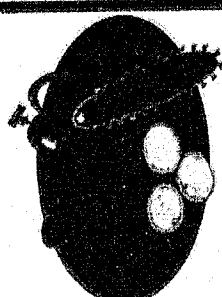
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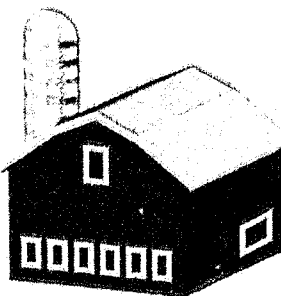
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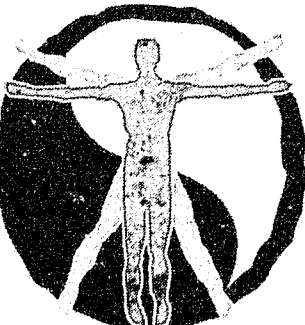
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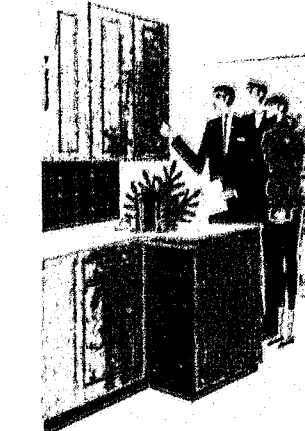
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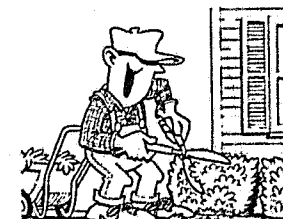
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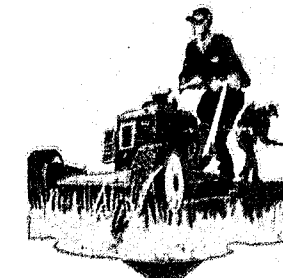


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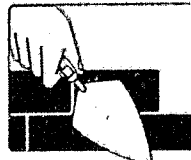


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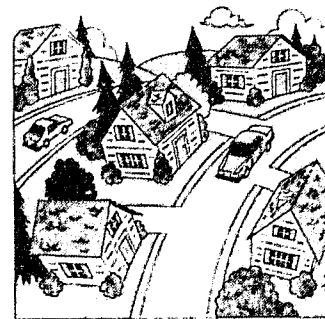
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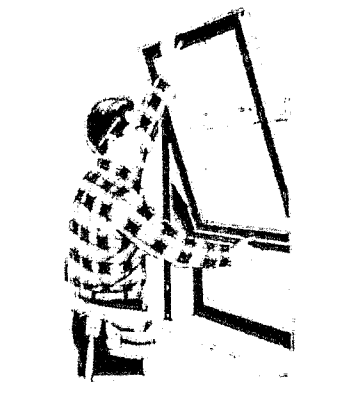
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by Clem Worcester

The 2009 Hanover annual Town Meeting his now gone into the history books. About 17 voters appeared in the Hanover Town House at 6 p.m. on Oct. 20 and during one hour and three minutes the budget passed as recommended. Brenda Lee Gross was re-elected as selectman and Clem Worcester was reaffirmed as town clerk, tax collector and treasurer. State Representative Jarrod Crockett was chosen to be the moderator. Following the meeting Rep. Crockett administered the oath of office to those who were elected. Boy Scout Keith Crockett was present and assisted with the meeting as part of his work toward earning a scout badge.

The Hanover annual Town Meeting is the time that the Volunteer of the Year is announced. This year Peggy Susbury was chosen for the honor. Her tireless efforts and fresh ideas have brought new life into Gardner Roberts Memorial Library and the community it serves.

The Hanover Select Persons met for their October meeting at 5 p.m. on Oct. 20. After hearing a report about deteriorated road conditions at a sharp curve on South Shore Road the Board decided to have it repaired this fall so paving can be accomplished before the paving plants shut down for the winter. Davis road is also slated for repairs this fall. A paving project on Howard Pond Road was put off until spring.

On Tuesday evening the Hanover assessors met to establish the tax commitment for 2009/10. The rate to be used is 6.82 mills, down from last year's 7.15 mills. On property valued at \$100,000 it would lower the taxes by \$33. The taxpayers will be raising \$800,608. One mill raises \$44,077 in Hanover this year. If you have questions you may call me on Thursday in the Town Office.

*Halloween is Saturday.

Youngsters will be out and about looking for treats or there may be tricks. A good place for the children to go for Trick or Treat is Rumford Grange 115 at Rumford Center. Saturday evening the Grange Hall will be open between 5:30 and 7 p.m. Besides getting treats there will be snacks, cider and a drawing for a prize.

The referendum election will be Tuesday, Nov. 3. In Hanover voting will take place at the town office from 10 a.m. until 8 p.m. Seven questions are on the state ballot. There are no local ballot issues this time. Absentee balloting is taking place during regular town office hours and will continue until Election Day.

The Hanover Planning Board will meet on Wednesday, Nov. 4, at 6 p.m. at the Town Office.

It is a good assumption that fall foliage has passed its top color peak. As you look around, most leaves have already left the trees thanks to several rain and windstorms recently. There have been some good sunny, warm days, also.

Waterford



by Rockie Graham

The light is coming later and leaving earlier; that means that the warmth of the day comes later, too. It is fall! Here, the trees still hold leaves although the colors are beginning to fade. My older lilacs still have leaves. The younger ones have lost all of theirs. Somehow I do not believe it is just the weather that has done that. Hopefully they will come back next year.

This Thursday, the 29th, ACOA will meet at the Waterford Library at 10 a.m. We are attempting to find a good daytime meeting time for the winter. Check next week for the changes or call 743-0583, or 583-6426. The meeting only lasts an hour and is open.

This Thursday evening Mountain Poets meets at 7 p.m. at Fare Share Commons. All poets and poetry lovers

are encouraged to come and share their poems or those of their favorite poets. For more information call 743-0583.

Friday, Oct. 30, in Norway, the Norway Halloween Fest is occurring from 2 to 5 p.m. on Main Street. Sponsored by Norway Recreation, the Norway Library and Healthy Oxford Hills, businesses up and down the street will have surprises for all ages. Starting at the Library, the library will have crafts, witch's brew and goblin treats. Participants will also receive a list of participating businesses. John Governale will even provide music at Creative Media. Check out the Fire Station for events at the smoke trailer. FMI call Deb at 743-6651.

Friday night at the UU Church Open Mic Night takes on a new look with costumes and spookiest songs invited and encouraged. It begins at 6:30 for sign up. FMI call Heather at 935-4505. Donation is \$3.

Saturday is actual Halloween so watch out for witches and goblins at your door if they haven't already had their fill of trick or treat events.

Saturday from 5 to 9 a.m. there is a hunters' breakfast at the Minot Grange. Yes, it is that time of year! Don't forget your orange!

It is also the time for clocks to be set back an hour. Sunday at 2 a.m. is the scheduled change. Don't forget and be late for church or meeting!

That is all for this week. Do not forget to vote. Don't forget your neighbors and vote to preserve all our rights. Have a great and safe Halloween.

From

Western Mountains Senior College

Dr. Daniel Spratt, endocrinologist, will speak on the Prevention and Treatment of Osteoporosis tonight, Oct. 29, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the Bethel Congregational Church, downstairs hall. There are many prevention and treatment options available for osteoporosis. But what is right for you? Attend

Dr. Spratt's program and learn more about bone density testing and what you can to help yourself slow the onset of osteoporosis. The public is invited and admission is free. Light refreshments available. The To Your Health committee is partnering with the Maine Learning Resource Center at Stephens Memorial Hospital to present this workshop.

Program on MHS

Maine Handicapped Skiing (MHS), founded in 1982 at Sunday River, Newry, Maine, offers year-round adaptive recreation opportunities and programs for children and adults with physical disabilities at no cost to participants. Eric Topper, director of Outreach at MHS, will explain the many facets of this program on Thursday, Nov. 5, from 4:30 to 6 p.m. at the Bethel Congregational Church, downstairs hall, Church Street, Bethel.

Western Mountains Senior College (WMSC) is sponsoring this program as part of its Down Home Maine series, which focuses on unique, creative and adventurous programs and people that make Maine a great place to live. Peter Gartner, program chair for WMSC, invites the public to "join us and learn more about participation in MHS as a client, a volunteer, or one who is curious about this phenomenal program in our own 'backyard.'"

MHS was the first adaptive ski organization in Maine for people with disabilities. It has grown to 362 participants to date and over 450 volunteers annually offering four winter sports at four locations, and summer programs of cycling, golf, and paddling. MHS sponsors a junior volunteer program and an alpine racing team, hosts the Diana Golden Level 1 Races at Sunday River, and serves veterans and active military personnel with physical disabilities through Veterans/No Boundaries.

Eric will present a slide show and discuss the organization's history and mission, as well as the equipment and techniques used to help people with disabilities ski, snowboard, snowshoe, paddle, golf and cycle throughout Maine. There will be opportunities

to examine some of the equipment, ask questions and learn more about seasonal volunteer and fundraising opportunities at MHS. Eric said that children and adults with physical disabilities are also encouraged to attend the presentation in order to learn more about the free year-round adaptive recreation programs that MHS offers throughout the state.

Admission to this program is free and light refreshments will be served. Voluntary donations will be accepted to offset senior college expenses. For more information, contact Peter Gartner at 665-2181.

From

Bethel Historical Society's Regional History Center

Exeter, N.H. resident Roberta Pevear and poet and author Ann Chandonnet of Vale, N.C., have signed a contract with Winoca Press of Wilmington for a non-fiction history book about the Civil War. The working title for the manuscript is "Write Quick: War and a Woman's Life in Letters, 1836-1867." The book is based on nearly 200 letters written by Ann and Roberta's ancestors and the extended kinship network in New England, where they grew up. The original letters, photos and artifacts on which "Write Quick" is based have been donated to the Bethel Historical Society by Mrs. Pevear. She has also donated her extensive collection of history and genealogical books to the society.

The book will contain 600 pages and 50 illustrations as well as two infantry rosters and three family trees. It will be published in early April of 2010. Many of the letters were written in New Orleans, where one of the infantrymen, Henry Charles Foster, was stationed.

Roberta ("Bobbi") Gibson Pevear is descended from Eliza Bean Foster, the main character of the book. Pevear, 79, was born and grew up in Eliza's hometown of Bethel, Maine. A graduate of Gould

Academy at Bethel, she married the late Edward G. Pevear of Hampton Falls, N.H., in 1971, and resided there until moving to Exeter in 1994. She served five terms in the New Hampshire House of Representatives from Hampton Falls and Hampton; and had a 35-year career in business administration and law. She has undertaken many years of genealogical research.

Co-author is Ann Chandonnet, who was born in Lowell, Mass., and grew up on a farm in nearby Dracut, Mass. She is a graduate of Lowell State College (now Lowell University), majoring in English and minoring in history. Her master's degree is from the University of Wisconsin (Madison). She is a collateral descendant of Gustavus Vasa Fox, Assistant Secretary of the Navy under President Abraham Lincoln.

The book's editor is Barbara Brannon, who previously edited books of Civil War letters for the University of South Carolina Press, and is an author in her own right. Ann Chandonnet is the author of many books, including the travel guide Alaska's Inside Passage, and the food history "Gold Rush Grub," plus collections of poetry.

A talk and book signing by the authors of the book will take place at the Bethel Historical Society in early May of 2010. At that event, a sampling of the letters, photos and artifacts used in creating the books will be on display. Copies of the book will thereafter be available in the society's Museum Shop or online through its website.

"Write Quick is an insightful collection engaging the reader with the hardships and insecurities of two soldiers separated from family and home during the American Civil War. Contributing to the little-known Western Theatre, intimate correspondence laced with historical annotation makes for a heartfelt and informative read. This intriguing story appeals to the genealogist, historian and lover of romance alike."

— Jim Head, Civil War interpreter, author of "Clash at Picacho Peak."

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Obituaries



WAYNE D. DuPLESSIS

Wayne David DuPlessis of Bethel died Wednesday, Oct. 21, 2009.

He was born in Van Buren, Maine, Jan. 10, 1952, the son of Ludger and Theresa DuPlessis. After graduating from high school there, he went to the University of Maine at Farmington and then graduated from the former Glassboro State College, now known as Rowan College of New Jersey. He spent many years living in Boston and received his master's degree at the former Boston State Col-

lege and then in 1995 he received a degree in Marriage and Family Therapy from the University of New England, where he served for a time as adjunct professor.

Later in 1995, he opened his own counseling practice in Kennebunk and married Susan Gilman. They moved to Bethel in 2000. Though separated in 2006 they maintained a deep love and respect for one another and were best friends.

Wayne was intelligent, curious, passionate, and complex. He was witty and he loved to sing. Through his 14 years of practice, he helped many people better their lives and relationships with others. He played an integral role in the Julie Gordon Sullivan Foundation (Parent Effectiveness in Resolving Conflict), an organization dedicated to helping parents communicate with their adolescent children. He traveled the state and New England training facilitators with his dear friend and founder Jane Card. His favorite part of his practice was working with adolescent children, and he was dearly loved by nieces and nephews from both his and Susan's family. Family visits often centered on his spending time in discussion with the kids throughout their childhoods.

While in Bethel, he also became involved in the West-

ern Maine Senior College as a committee member and presenter of the To Your Health program, a testament to his compassion toward a wide diversity of people.

He was a voracious reader, loved animals, and enjoyed photography, golf, working out, and most of all, spending time with his beloved pets, tinkering at home and finding innovative solutions to fixing things. He and Susan spent many hours working together on landscaping their homes in Kennebunk and Bethel.

Wayne's upbringing in Aroostook County and large family of eight brothers and six sisters remained a constant fabric in his life. He loved to tell stories of his unusual childhood and its many adventures, some difficult but always with a sense of humor. As the fifth child, he served as a paternal figure to his youngest siblings and ultimately became close to many of their children.

He was predeceased by his father. Besides Susan DuPlessis, he is survived by his mother of Van Buren, his brothers, Rick of Waynesville, Mo., Stefan of Dexter, Ludger of Waterville, Dale of Somerville, Mass., Danny of Bangor, Kevin of Brewer, Glen of Watertown, Conn., and James of Scarborough; and his sisters, Carol of Greensboro, N.C., Margery of South Portland, Stella of Saco, Cindy of Van Buren, and Colleen and Tina of Caribou; and many, many, uncles, aunts, cousins, nieces and nephews.

He will be sadly missed by all those who fully understood his complexities, his sensitivity and the honest way in which he chose to live his life.

A Memorial Service will be held on Friday, Oct. 30, at 2 p.m. at the Grand Ballroom at Sunday River. This event is to

welcome people to share their feelings, thoughts, etc., with Wayne, whether prepared comments or extemporaneously.

In lieu of flowers donations in his memory can be made to the Maine Community Foundation for the Wayne DuPlessis Parent Education Fund, 245 Main Street, Ellsworth, ME 04605 or to the charity of your choice. Online condolences may be shared with his family at www.andrewsgreenleaf.com.

IVA R. FARRAR

Iva R. Farrar, 91, of Bryant Pond, died peacefully at the home of her daughter, Diane York, on Oct. 21, 2009.

She was born on the family farm on Indian Pond in Greenwood, Dec. 7, 1917, the fourth child of Jesse Herbert and Linnie Morgan Ring. At age three, her family moved to Bryant Pond, where she attended elementary school and graduated from Woodstock High School in 1935.

In 1936, she started work at Stowell Silk Spool Co. from which she retired in 1977. On June 22, 1938, she married James Farrar, who she got to know when they were both actors in a play at the Grange. Together they spent 54 wonderful years hunting, fishing and berry picking at their camp in Grafton, raising and canning vegetables from their garden and enjoying their close-knit family.

She leaves a daughter, Diane York and her husband Clifford of Bryant Pond; two granddaughters, Kimberly Dupuis and her husband Steven of Bethel and Jennifer Wyman of Lewiston; three great-grandchildren, Kaitlyn Brown, Nathaniel Wyman and Seth Dupuis; a sister-in-law, Helen Farrar; and several nieces and

nephews. She was predeceased by her husband in 1992; two sisters, Rowena Dunham and her husband Clyde and Hilda Dragoon and her husband Peter; two brothers, Merle Ring and his wife Ruby and Clayton Ring and his wife Eleanor; and a brother-in-law, Stanley Farrar.

Special thanks to Dr. Dieter Kreckel, the staff of Rumford Hospital and Androscoggin Home Care and Hospice, who cared for Iva during her short illness.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, Oct. 27, at Andrews Funeral Home, South Woodstock, with interment following at Lakeside Cemetery in Bryant Pond. Remembrance donations may be made to the Mahosuc Land Trust, 18 Mayville Road, Bethel, ME 04217. Online condolences may be shared with her family at www.andrewsgreenleaf.com.

SHERYL R. WAISANEN

Sheryl (Ring) Waisanen, of West Paris, a wife, homemaker, mother, grandmother, sister and aunt, went home to be with the Lord on Oct. 23, 2009 at the Hospice House in Auburn.

She was born in Lewiston on Nov. 21, 1928, and was the daughter of John and Norine Ring of West Paris. She graduated from West Paris High School and lived in West Paris her entire life, until she entered Rumford Community Home, and then Ledgeview Living Center, for the past several years.

She worked as a CNA for 19 years at Ledgeview Living Center in West Paris, and she was a member of the West Paris Universalist Church.

She loved cooking and baking, including her famous

peanut butter fudge. If she was not sitting in her rocking chair and listening to music or the scanner, she was probably baking something for her family or friends. She also enjoyed knitting, crocheting and camping, and she opened her home to a number of foster children.

She was a true friend, loved people and was always smiling. She was definitely "the life of the party" everywhere she went.

She married Henry, from Greenwood, on May 22, 1949. Henry was definitely the "love of her life" and they loved to do things together, especially dancing, just about every weekend. Throughout most of their married life they lived in the home that Henry built on High Street.

Survivors include her daughters, Norine Stone of West Paris, Starr Waisanen and partner Connie Bergen of Kennebunk and Tammie Rogers and her husband David of Greenville, S.C.; grandchildren, Ethan, 16, Heidi, 10, and Roy, 8, of Greenville, S.C.; a brother, Durward Ring and his wife Maud of Concord, N.H.; nieces; nephews; cousins; brothers and sisters-in-law. She was predeceased by her parents; her husband Henry; her twin sister, Beryl Waisanen; a sister, Valerie Andrews; and a brother, John Ring.

The family thanks doctors, nurses and others who helped Sheryl along the way, and to the Rumford Community Home, Ledgeview Living Center and Hospice House for their excellent and compassionate care, and special thanks to Dr. Eshelman, her doctor for many years.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at the Weston-Chandler Funeral Home, South Paris, with interment in the Wayside Cemetery, West Paris. Online condolences may be shared with her family at www.weston-chandler.com.

Thank You

A sincere thank you to our friends, families, Bethel Health Center and the ICU of Stephens Memorial Hospital. Also for the cards and other kindness extended to us during our recent loss.

Betty Robertson,
Daughters and Families

Thank You All

I would just like to thank everyone for all the cards and prayers to help me recuperate. It has meant so much, you have no idea. It has been a long haul. Thank you all.

Sincerely,
Lois H. Day

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The blow was hard, the shock severe,
To part with one we loved so dear.

We want to always remember
The beautiful life you lived
And keep alive the memories we have
Through remembering what you did
For you're so special to all of us
A wonderful person indeed
Your love, laughter and warm smile
Reflected a heart that believed
Just in the everyday things we do
We remember your faith and love
In the laughter and words you spoke
It is a continued reminder for us
Although we miss you so very much
We know we'll see you once more
For this is the hope we have in God
Being re-united in the Lord
And as we gather we'll continue to share
Special times we went through
For these are the memories that
warm our hearts
As we honor the memory of you.

Deeply missed and always loved,
Dad & Renee
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Thank You

I would like to thank all my family and friends for all the caring and kindness since my "horse crash" a couple of months ago. The phone calls, cards, flowers, and visits while I was in the hospital and since my return home helped break up the monotony of my recovery and were greatly appreciated. To the Telstar staff, my two "Debbies" and various neighbors who provided meals in the first few weeks, a huge THANK YOU! Special thanks to Bethel Rescue, Rumford Hospital ER staff, Mod Care Ambulance, CMMC Trauma Unit Staff, and Dr. Peter Sedgewick. Last but not least, I want to thank my two special nurses, Amy and Mindy, who have taken such wonderful care of me. I don't know what I would have done without you! I still have ways to go to full recovery, but I look forward to returning to work, and especially to getting back to sharing the trails with my best buddy, Huck. I am truly blessed with wonderful family and friends. God bless you all!

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Shine on Dee as we carry on your ways.
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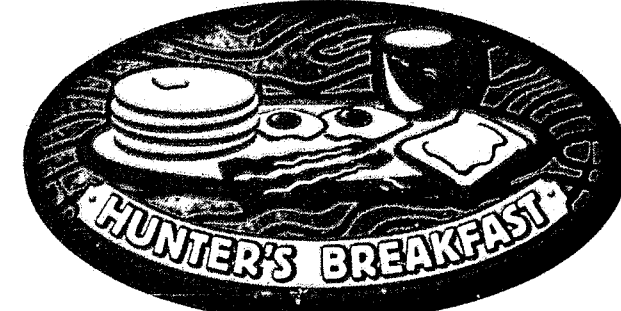
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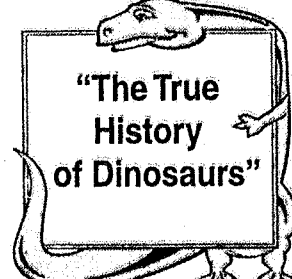
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EVERYONE WELCOME!
Hosted by the Recreation Committee of Gilead

OCTOBER 31ST "TRICK - OR - TRUNK"

Come and do your "Trick-or-Treating" safely
in our parking lot from 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Cars will be decorated & you can
receive treats at each vehicle

Then....

Join us inside at 6:30 p.m. to learn about...



and enjoy 15 carnival games (and more candy)!

Bethel Alliance Church
(across from Telstar Parking Lot)
Call 824-2289 for more details.

Save a Lot

3 Day Meat Sale

Friday, Oct. 30th - Sunday, Nov. 1st

Boneless Chicken Breast (40 Pound Box) \$1.47 per Pound
Boneless Chicken Breasts Family Pack \$1.97 Per Pound
USDA Boneless Family Pack Strip Steaks \$2.97 Per Pound
USDA Boneless Family Pack Rib Eye Steaks \$3.97 Per Pound

Country Fresh Pork Spare Ribs Bone in - \$1.47 Per Pound
USDA Country Fresh Whole C.O.V. Boneless Pork Loin - \$1.77 Per Pound
Inspected Boneless Family Pack Chicken Tenders - \$1.97 Per Pound
Purdue Fresh Family Pack Chicken Leg 1/4s - \$.67 Per Pound
USDA Inspected Family Pack Boneless Top Round Steaks - \$2.77 Per Pound
USDA Inspected Top Round Oven Roasts - \$2.77 Per Pound
USDA Inspected Family Pack Boneless Chuck Steaks - \$2.77 Per Pound
USDA Inspected Boneless Chuck Pot Roasts - \$2.77 Per Pound
USDA Inspected Family Pack London Broil Steak - \$2.77 Per Pound
USDA Inspected Shoulder Pot Roast - \$2.77 Per Pound
USDA Inspected Family Pack Boneless Sirloin Tip Steaks - \$2.77 Per Pound
USDA Inspected Boneless Sirloin Tip Oven Roasts - \$2.77 Per Pound
USDA Inspected Family Pack Boneless Top Blade Steaks - \$2.77 Per Pound
USDA Inspected Family Pack NY Sirloin Steaks - \$2.97 Per Pound
Country Fresh Boneless Pork Chops - \$1.97 Per Pound
Country Fresh Boneless Pork Roasts - \$1.97 Per Pound
Country Fresh Boneless Sirloin Cutlets - \$1.97 Per Pound
Country Fresh Boneless Sirloin Roasts - \$1.97 Per Pound
Fresh Caught Cello Haddock Fillets Frozen at Sea - \$3.57 Per Pound
Prima Porta Hot or Sweet Italian Sausage \$1.97 Per Pound

These blow out prices will
last these 3 days only!

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